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**RE: Approval of GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment (EA) Study
Terms of Reference**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Given your previous interest in the above noted study we wanted to inform you that the EA Terms of Reference (ToR) was approved by the Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008. The ToR describes the approach for conducting the EA.

The approved ToR can be downloaded from the study website at: www.gta-west.com. The website also features the most up-to-date information on the study status and upcoming activities.

With an approved ToR, the formal EA process is now underway. Major current and upcoming activities will include:

- Identifying existing transportation, land use and environmental conditions in the preliminary study area;
- Identifying current and/or anticipated transportation problems and opportunities; and,
- Generating specific alternatives that could address the problems and opportunities.

Consultation is an important part of the process that will continue as the study progresses. The above information will be discussed at the second round of Public Information Centres (PICs) tentatively scheduled for the Fall of 2008.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment. We look forward to your continued involvement in the study and hope you will visit the project website for additional information and to provide value-adding perspective. We will notify you directly with further details of future formal consultation activities.

Sincerely,



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