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**Attention: Mr. Greenwood**

Regarding: The Application by Greenwood Aggregates Company Limited for a new pit or quarry in Pt. Lots 30, 31, & 32 – 4th Concession, Mono, the Town of Mono in the County of Dufferin.

Dear Mr. Greenwood,

I wish to register my total objection to the application by Greenwood Aggregates Company Limited to form the new Violet Hill Pit on Concession 4 E.H.S. in the Town of Mono.

My family and I moved to the area from downtown Toronto 4.5 years ago. The move to the country was interesting, but one of the most informative parts of the process was the financing. With ten days to the close of purchase on our Mono property I received a call from my bank.

“Mrs. Morgan, we haven’t received the well test results for the water on your property.”

“Oh! I know that we had that test done, let me look for the results. Someone must have neglected to forward them along, just give me some time to locate them.”

“Mrs. Morgan, perhaps you don’t understand the urgency of this situation. If we do not have the well test results, we cannot issue the mortgage against the property.”

“What? For goodness’ sake! Why not?”

“Mrs. Morgan, without a viable, clean water source for your property then the property is worthless: therefore the bank will not approve a mortgage without verifying the water results from your well.”

This news was a revelation to my husband and myself. Before now we had been “city-slickers”, living on municipal water sources and never really considering where our water came from. One turns on a faucet and water comes out. It seems a simple process, right?

What would I do if the land next to me was bought by an Aggregate Company with intent to develop it and use tens of thousands of litres of source water during their extraction processes – thereby placing HUGE stress on the ground water sources surrounding my home - potentially draining or contaminating my well, my home’s only source of clean water?

What becomes of my home, my savings, my future? Does one company’s business planning have the right to trump my personal, financial viability as a human being?

No. The answer is no. Therefore I must stand with my neighbours against this   
plan. There is already a large gravel pit in Mulmur which has the PTTW permit – allowing them to remove up to 3,600,000 litres of water each day for 183 days in the year.1 This Mulmur pit is less than 5km away from the proposed Violet Hill Pit. The combined stress on source water of two pits in such close proximity is frightening.

What happens to local homes’ sources of water? What happens to the financial investment in their homes and their future? If banks refuse to finance rural homes with no local source, no clean drinking water – then value of the homes will be reduced to zero; a total, devastating loss for any family.

The above argument is only one reason why this pit should not receive approval. There are many, many reasons why an additional aggregate pit should not be placed in the heart this beautiful, agricultural, rural residential location.

The lands in question:

* Contain a Highly Vulnerable Aquifer (HVA) on the property in question 2
* Part of a “significant Groundwater Recharge Area” for the Nottawasaga river2
* Prime farmland – we should be protecting our ability to feed ourselves
* In the heart of a rural residential neighbourhood, not industrial
* Adjacent to the Niagara Escarpment (UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve)
* Adjacent to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

The Greenwood organization is a good company. It creates decent jobs within Dufferin County, and Greenwood has sponsored a beautiful Health Club in Orangeville. These beneficial facets still do not excuse the proposed rape of the local, rural residential landscape or the threat to local families on their main source of financial security; their personal investment in their homes – which, without clean water sources, will be rendered worthless.

Yours Sincerely,

Felicite Morgan

cc. Mrs. S. Richardson - Ministry of Natural Resources, Protect Mono, Mono Mulmur Citizens’ Coalition, Ms. Laura Ryan - Mayor of Mono and Warden of Dufferin County

1) See section 4.0 of Whitewater Hydrogeology Ltd. Report of June 2016 prepared for Greenwood Aggregates

2) See section 5.1 & 5.2 of Whitewater Hydrogeology Ltd. Report of June 2016.   
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