



ST MARYS PERMIT TO TAKE WATER APPLICATION APPROVED BY MOE

Test 1 to begin as prescribed by Permit

Toronto, ON, July 14, 2008 – On July, 8 2008 the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) approved St Marys Cement Inc.'s (St Marys) application for a Permit to Take Water to carry out a pumping test on its property located at Lot 3, Concession 11, East Flamborough, City of Hamilton. The information collected during the test will provide a better understanding of the groundwater and surface water resources in the area, and will allow the MOE and the City of Hamilton to evaluate if the proposed quarry could have any potential impacts on local water resources. The Permit will expire on June 30, 2009.

“St Marys and our consultants are committed to following the thorough requirements set by the Ministry of the Environment in the Permit and to respond immediately to community questions or concerns during the testing,” said John Moroz, General Manager and Vice-President of St Marys CBM Aggregates. “Safeguards are in place as part of the Permit to ensure that water quality and quantity will not be impacted. The site will be continually monitored during the testing and I encourage residents to contact us with any concerns.”

The pumping test requires three separate tests involving the controlled extraction of groundwater from wells installed on the property to be carried out in accordance with the terms set by the MOE in the Permit. Test 1 is scheduled to begin on or about July 21, 2008 between 8:00am and 6:00pm and continuous pumping will continue for a maximum of 8 days.

Representatives from Golder Associates, a third-party hydrogeology firm approved by the MOE, will be providing third party oversight for the testing program as directed by the MOE. In addition, there will be a daily on site meeting with representatives from the MOE, the City of Hamilton, the Region of Halton, Conservation Halton and the Hamilton Public Health Service.

Should any interference with normal use of water supplies occur, neighbours are asked to call **1-866-602-0080**. This phone line will be monitored twenty-four hours a day during the testing.

Test progress will be monitored and water level vs. time graphs for each of the monitoring wells and surface water stations will be made available daily for public review at: www.flamboroughquarry.ca. Members of the community are encouraged to visit the website for more information about the Permit to Take Water and the pumping test.

St Marys Cement Group is a leading manufacturer of cement and related construction products in Canada and the United States. The company operates two cement plants in Ontario, one in St. Marys, where the company was founded in 1912, and one in Bowmanville. It operates over 40 ready-mix concrete plants and 22 aggregate pits and quarries across the province.