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**BROOKE-ALVINSTON WIND FARM
NATURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT**

Ministry of Natural Resources Confirmation Letter

December 17, 2010

John Cobb, President
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To Mr. Cobb:

In accordance with the Ministry of the Environment's (MOE's) Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) Regulation (O.Reg.359/09), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed the natural heritage assessment for Brooke-Alvinston Wind Farm in Township of Brooke-Alvinston, County of Lambton submitted by Zephyr Farms Limited on November 22, 2010.

In accordance with Section 28(2) and 38(2)(b) of the REA regulation, MNR provides the following confirmations following review of the natural heritage assessment:

1. The MNR confirms that the determination of the existence of natural features and the boundaries of natural features was made using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
2. The MNR confirms that the site investigation and records review were conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR, if no natural features were identified.
3. The MNR confirms that the evaluation of the significance or provincial significance of the natural features was conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
4. The MNR confirms that the project location is not in a provincial park or conservation reserve.
5. The MNR confirms that the project did not require an environmental impact assessment report to be prepared.

In addition to the NHA, an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan that addresses post-construction monitoring and mitigation for birds and bats must be prepared and implemented. It is recommended that the post-construction monitoring plan be prepared in accordance with MNR Guidelines and be reviewed and approved by MNR in advance of submitting a REA application to MOE in order to minimize potential delays in determining if the application is complete.

This confirmation letter is valid for the project as proposed in the natural heritage assessment. Should any changes be made to the proposed project that would alter the NHA, MNR may need to undertake additional review of the NHA.

Where specific commitments have been made by the applicant in the NHA with respect to project design, construction, rehabilitation, operation, mitigation, or monitoring, MNR expects that these commitments will be considered in MOE's Renewable Energy Approval decision and, if approved, be implemented by the applicant.

In accordance with S.12 (1) of the Renewable Energy Approvals Regulation, this letter must be included as part of your application submitted to the MOE for a Renewable Energy Approval.

If you wish to discuss any part of this confirmation or additional comments provided, please contact Heather Riddell, A/Planning Ecologist at 519-773-4723 or at heather.riddell@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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