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Dear members of the community,

Lately, many of you have been asking questions and expressing concerns about the Pozzolan Project. You're looking for accurate information not only about the project itself, but also about its potential impacts on the area.

We recognize that our communication has been insufficient, especially considering the scope of the project and the various elements that need to be put in place for it to evolve. We should have included you and consulted you earlier in the process. The delay has caused tensions and misunderstandings, which we sincerely regret. We are committed to doing better.

We'd like to come back to you at the end of the summer with a proposal for a citizen consultation process. This would involve a series of meetings and activities where you could:

1. Actively contribute to the environmental assessment of the project (an essential part of developing a project that measures its potential impacts on the air, water, flora, fauna, and the population).
2. Determine the conditions under which the project could move forward.

You'll find an overview of the project on the back of this letter. For more information, please visit our website at www.dalhousiepozzolan.com/en/le-projet. Click on the "Contact Us" tab to reach out to us directly.

Of course, as businesspeople, we want the project to be successful. However, it is equally important to us to create a project that integrates well into the community and that you can be proud of. If the environmental assessment determines that the project would have significant negative impacts on the environment and there are no possible mitigation measures, the project will not proceed.

Just a reminder that the main goal of the project is to provide the cement industry with a cementitious material that has a very low carbon footprint. This would help the industry reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

We look forward to meeting you in person soon,

The Pozzolan Project Team:

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Pozzolan, an ally in the fight against climate change

- Pozzolan is a volcanic rock that could transform the cement industry in Canada.
- Currently, cement production is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.
- Replacing one of the components of cement with pozzolan can significantly reduce the greenhouse gas emissions generated by the industry.
- No chemicals are required in the extraction of pozzolan. You simply need to crush the rock very finely.

A large deposit and the necessary infrastructure

- There's a large deposit of pozzolan at the project site in Dalhousie.
- All the necessary infrastructure for the project is already in place: the quarry, the railway, and the port.

First the quarry, then the mine

- The project would be developed in 2 phases:
 1. For the first 2 years, we would continue to operate the existing quarry and sell the rock.
 2. Pozzolan extraction and processing would begin after that.
- This means pozzolan production wouldn't start before 2026.

Valuable dust that would be captured

- If the project were to proceed, we would want to minimize the amount of dust released into the air as much as possible:
 1. To comply with regulations and promote good relations with the community.
 2. To capture and sell the dust as a product.

Benefits for individuals and communities

- The project would create jobs, both directly and indirectly.
- A royalty would be paid to the municipality, and municipal taxes on the site would increase.
- Infrastructure that was no longer in use would be revitalized.
- We would also like to develop a partnership with the Ugpi'ganjig First Nation.

The next crucial step: studying the project's environmental impacts

- We don't know all the environmental impacts of the project yet.
- The project could not move forward unless they are fully understood.
- That's why we will soon begin an environmental impact study to assess all potential effects of the project on the air, water, flora, fauna, and the population.
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Read more information on our website, here:

