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East Durham Wind Inc. 390 Bay Street, Suite 1720 Toronto, ON M5H 2Y2

RE: Modifications to the East Durham Wind Energy Centre Project Location

Dear East Durham Wind Inc

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has received the document dated December 2012 which describes modifications to the East Durham Wind Energy Centre project location made subsequent to MNR's letter confirming the Natural Heritage Assessment in respect of the project.

In accordance with Appendix D of MNR's Natural Heritage Assessment Guide, a commitment has been made to complete pre-construction assessments of habitat use for candidate significant wildlife habitats. This is in addition to pre-construction assessments detailed in the December 10, 2012 confirmation letter. MNR has reviewed and confirmed the assessment methods and the range of mitigation options. Pending completion of the pre-construction assessments and determination of significance, the appropriate mitigation is expected to be implemented, as committed to in the environmental impact study for the following candidate significant wildlife habitats:

- Amphibian Wetland Breeding Habitat (WH-ABWE-01)
- Colonial Nesting Bird Breeding Habitat (WH-CNTS-13)

Upon review of the modifications, MNR is satisfied that the Natural Heritage Assessment requirements of Ontario Regulation 359/09 have been met. Please add this letter as an addendum to the confirmation letter issued December 10, 2012 for the East Durham Wind Energy Centre project.

If you wish to discuss, please contact please contact Jim Beal at <u>jim.beal@ontario.ca</u> or 705-755-3203.

Sincerely

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