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Mark Paoli Director Planning and Development, Bruce County 30 Park Street Walkerton, ON NOG 2V0

Submitted by email: planthebruce@brucecounty.on.ca

Dear Mark:

RE: Preliminary submission of interest of the Bruce County Official Plan Review

Walker Aggregates Inc. ("Walker") is a division of Walker Industries. Our company operates a number of mineral aggregate operations including three (3) licences in Bruce County. Walker provides a full range of crushed limestone and sand and gravel products supplying the asphalt, concrete, construction and landscaping needs of Bruce County and southern Ontario.

At Walker, our focus is on sustainability, environmental stewardship and innovation. We are committed to the communities in which we operate and to extracting aggregate in a manner that protects Ontario's other rural resources including agriculture, water and natural heritage.

Walker welcomes the review and update of the Bruce County Official Plan and appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the proposed changes as this largely impacts our day-to-day operations and our ability to help secure aggregate reserves for the long term. It is understood that the Official Plan is at an early stage in the review process and as further details and draft policy becomes available, Walker wishes to be a part of any stakeholder consultation and review process as early as possible and as the review unfolds.

Policy changes made during the review process can impact the ability to secure future stone, sand and gravel reserves in the County and the Province for the long term which is needed to support forecasted growth and critically important to the economy. Accordingly, we request being included on any related circulation lists for notice, upcoming staff reports, public meetings and decisions of Council associated with the Official Plan Review initiative.

Yours truly,

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