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Dear Mr. Mota:

On November 29, 2006, the Highway 7 Corridor and Vaughan North-South Link Public Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA) was approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council subject to several conditions outlined in the Notice of Approval (NoA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA).

In order to allow York Region (Region) the flexibility to determine the optimum alignment to the Toronto Transit Corporation (TTC) station at Steeles Avenue, Condition 8 of the NoA required the Region to follow a public process to determine the optimum location for the alignment of the subway undertaking. The condition requires the process to be documented in a report and submitted for approval to the Minister of the Environment (Minister).

On June 11, 2007, the Region submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (ministry) a supplementary report entitled, *Highway 7 Corridor & Vaughan North-South Link Public Transit Improvements: Response to Conditions of Approval Vaughan N-S Link Subway Alignment Optimization, June 2007* (Report).

The ministry has completed its review and having considered the Report and comments submitted regarding the Report, I wish to inform you that I have approved the undertaking in accordance with condition 8.4 of the NoA.



Mr. Steve Mota

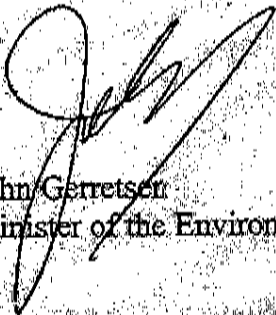
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With this decision having been made, the Region may now proceed with the undertaking.

The Region must implement the undertaking in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Report and inclusive of all mitigating measures and environmental and other provisions therein.

Should you require further assistance please contact Melanie Smith, Project Officer of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7106 or by email at [melanie.smith@ontario.ca](mailto:melanie.smith@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



John Gerretsen  
Minister of the Environment.