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Mr. Dave Renaud
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Dear Mr. Renaud:

Thank you for your August 29, 2011 letter to the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch (Director) in which you request that Plasco Energy Group Inc. (Plasco) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) for the proposed Plasco Trail Road Conversion Facility (Project). I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Director.

It is the understanding of this ministry that the Project is currently being developed by Plasco under the Environmental Screening Process (ESP) for waste management projects. The ESP is a planning process prescribed by Waste Management Projects Regulation, Ontario Regulation 101/07, which proponents must follow for projects of this type in order to be able to proceed with the project under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Despite this process, proponents may, in response to requests from the public such as yours, be required to prepare an individual EA.

Staff at this ministry will review the issues and concerns you have cited as reasons for which an individual EA should be prepared. Your request will be forwarded to Plasco. Plasco will be directed to review your request and to provide any Project documentation and other information necessary to assist the ministry in its review of your request. This information will be considered by the Minister when making a decision about the request. Where required, ministry technical staff and staff at other agencies may also review the matter. All information that may be provided by the proponent, review agencies and this ministry's technical staff form part of the public record on the matter of your request to the Director.

On the basis of this review and other matters required to be considered by the Director under the EAA, the Director will make a final decision whether or not to require that an



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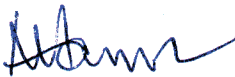
individual EA be prepared by Plasco. You will be notified in writing of the Director's decision once it has been made.

I would like to note that, as with all elevation requests requests, the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch maintains a public file that is available for viewing by any member of the public upon request. Personal and other information in your letter such as name, address, and telephone number and your concerns with this Project will form a part of the public record on this matter required to be maintained pursuant to section 30 of the EAA. If you wish this information to be excluded from the public file, this Branch must be advised. Notwithstanding the above, this information may still be obtained by members of the public if the ministry is required to disclose it under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with this Project.

If you have any questions about the ministry's review of your request, please call Mr. Adam Sanzo of this Branch at 416-314-8229.

Yours very truly,



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c: Ms. Andrea Foottit, Plasco Energy Group Inc.