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Ref. No. 18/27

10 February 2012

Mr. Ronald Stefan Stewart
Chair
Jamaican Caves Organisation
93 Port Royal Street
Kingston

Dear Mr. Stewart

Re: Application to Collect Bat Guano

The National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) is in receipt of your Wildlife Research Application dated 2 February 2012 requesting approval for the collection and export of bat guano.

Permission is hereby granted for you and your associates, Professor John Smol, Mr. Chris Grooms and Wielaw Bogdanowicz to collect guano deposits for the research project entitled 'Examination of deep guano deposits in Jamaican Caves'. The project shall only involve the collection of 10 cm cores of guano deposits from Schwallenburgh (St. Ann) and Home Away Caves (Trelawny) commencing 4 March 2012. Permission regarding the export of the guano deposits will be communicated to you by 15 March 2012.

Home Away Cave (Trelawny) is located in an area designated as a Forest Reserve therefore an application should be made to the Forestry Department (National Forestry Agency) for authorization to conduct research at this site. Contact should therefore be made with Mrs. Marilyn Headley, Chief Executive Officer & Conservator of Forests, Forestry Department, 173 Constant Spring Road, Kingston 8, telephone contact 927-2667-8 or e-mail mheadley@forestry.gov.jm. Also, permission should be obtained from West Indies Alumina Company (WINDALCO) to enter their private property at Scwallenburgh, St. Ann. Contact should therefore be made with Miss Chamet Aiken, Manager, Legal & Property Administration, WINDALCO, Kirkvine Post Office, Manchester, telephone contact 961-7712 or email chamet.aiken@windlaco.com. A copy of the permission letters from the Forestry Department and WINDALCO should be submitted to the Agency prior to the commencement of the project.

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Any reply or subsequent reference to this communication should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, to the attention of the officer dealing with the matter, and the reference quoted where applicable.

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Should you require any further information, please contact the undersigned at 876-754-7540, extension 2224 or e-mail ystrong@nepa.gov.jm or Ms. Andrea Donaldson, who may be contacted at telephone numbers 876-754-7540, ext. 2213 and 876-478-8081 or email adonaldson@nepa.gov.jm.

Yours sincerely



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- c. Professor John P. Smol, FRSC, Canada Research Chair in Environmental Change, Paleocological Environmental Assessment & Research Lab (PEARL) Dept.

Mr. Chris Grooms, Research Technician, Paleocological Environmental Assessment & Research Lab (PEARL) Dept.

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