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**SUBJECT: Tree Inventory and Tree Preservation Plan Justification Letter
173, 201, and 225 Big Bay Point Road, Town of Innisfil**

Dear Mr. Brasseur,

RiverStone Environmental Solutions Inc. (hereafter “RiverStone”) has been asked to prepare a justification letter to support the submission of a Tree Inventory and Tree Preservation Plan at the Site Plan application stage for the development of a golf course on three (3) parcels located at 173, 201, and 225 Big Bay Point Road in the Town of Innisfil. RiverStone has completed extensive field work within the study area including a reviewing the forest and vegetation communities. Details about these communities are provided in the Interim Environmental Impact Study (June 2018).

Detailed field work has confirmed that a large portion of the property is forested; thus, the preparation of a detailed tree inventory is a major undertaking. Tree inventories and Preservation Plans are typically undertaken once the higher-level planning approvals are in place and respond to a detailed design. For this project, while we have a proposed routing plan, the details have not been finalized nor has a grading plan been prepared. Having these plans prior to completion of detailed tree inventories and health assessment work allows the arborist to target areas where trees will be removed, damaged, and/or experience edge effects from development activities. At that time the arborist can work with the golf course designer to avoid/protect any significant specimens that have been identified. The arborist can also use the information in a detailed routing and grading plan to complete a more accurate and relevant preservation/edge management plan.

It is the opinion of RiverStone’s ecologists/ certified arborists that it would be premature to undertake a tree inventory and health assessment before the Official Plan and Zoning-By-law Amendment application has been heard by council. Additionally, it would be beneficial for the arborist to have a final routing and grading plan prior to preparing a Tree Preservation Plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 705.645.9887 (office) or 705.641.1037 (cell).

RiverStone Environmental Solutions Inc.

Per:

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