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The Town of Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street
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Dear Council,

On behalf of Breaker Technology, Ltd. (BTI), I submit this letter to Council (and Town Staff) to formally request an extension of the periods of time during which we are authorized to generate noise from our operations in accordance with By-Law 2002-9 (the "Noise By-Law").

The BTI manufacturing facility has been operating at 35 Elgin St. for over 60 years. We provide well-paying, stable employment for many residents in the Town of The Blue Mountains and surrounding areas. Over our 63 year history, we have fostered and maintained strong relations with our neighbours through cooperation, direct consultation, and consideration with respect to our operations.

We manage two shifts that operate from 5:30 am to 2:00 am Monday to Thursday, with the odd shift running on Friday. We also manage a weekend shift that runs from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Our operations generally begin at 7:00 am. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are currently staggering our shifts to allow for decreased traffic in and out of the facility during shift changes. Breaker Technology employs over 130 employees operating on-site, comprised of skilled trades, technicians, and engineering. These jobs pay high wages, and we provide excellent benefits. This is reflected in low turnover and employee longevity (currently three employees over 40 years!)

The work performed inside our plant is heavy industrial manufacturing. We cut, form and weld heavy steel. We also paint, assemble and test run the equipment that we produce. Products produced at this site are best in the class and exported around the world.

There is noise generated outside the plant from time to time. Much of this is in the outside storage yard towards the east end of the facility. This work activity generally involves retrieving parts to bring into the plant, assembling and testing equipment on our test pad, retrieving sheet steel from our outside storage area, as well as shipping and

receiving. There are times when this may require us to use equipment such as lift trucks and power hand tools.

As previously stated, BTI has demonstrated that we are a responsive and responsible business regarding our neighbours and the surrounding businesses. However, to effectively operate our business, we require access to the outside area beyond the hours of 19:00 hours. In reviewing the Noise By-Law, we note that there is an opportunity to seek written permission from Council to specifically extend or alter the time periods of our operations. In addition, we note that our operations may be specifically recognized under Section 3 of the Noise By-Law. As a result, we write to request authorization from Council to operate between the hours of 07:00 hours and 23:00 hours. In the event Council and Staff wish to adopt a separate By-Law authorizing and adding our operations under Section 3 of the Noise By-Law, we would propose the following wording in keeping with the other existing authorizations:

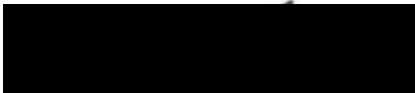
- i) Noises or sound related to the non-residential use of lands owned, operated, and maintained by Breaker Technology, Ltd. between the hours of 07:00 hours and 23:00 hours Monday through Friday.

We are requesting that the Town consider and formally recognize our operations to ensure continued production without the risk of offending the Noise By-Law. We are a responsible corporate resident and have been working proactively to reduce our impact on the environment, including the generation of noise, for many years. We continue to meet the requirements under the MOECC concerning our ECA (Environmental Compliance Approval for air and noise) and continue to improve on any impact we have on the surrounding environment. Most recently, we have been working with the Town to improve on-site drainage and stormwater containment to eliminate any potential impact on the environment. This work is already underway.

Again, for the above-stated reasons, we ask that Council consider the authorization of a special noise exemption similar to that granted to other businesses that contribute positively to the community. Specifically, we request that our operations be allowed to continue within our property between the hours of 07:00 to 23:00 hours. As we have demonstrated over the past 63 years, we will continue to respect our neighbours, our employees, and the environment.

We thank you for accepting and considering our correspondence and would welcome the opportunity to appear as a deputation before Council and Staff to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



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