

December 21, 2004

Mr. Philip Donne
President, Campbell Company of Canada
60 Birmingham Street
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Dear Mr. Donne,

Toronto Redi-Mix, a concrete manufacturer has purchased a vacant industrial brownfield site at 207 New Toronto Street, in South Etobicoke. This land is located just two blocks north of Lakeshore Boulevard. New Toronto is a populous community and many families have made their homes here, just a short distance away from the 207 New Toronto Street location.

Toronto Redi-Mix is the new next-door neighbour to families whose homes and apartments on Fifteenth and Sixteenth Street have yards that are adjacent to the industrial site. Children play on lawns and gardens where you can see the newly razed land through the back yard fences. Schools and parks are located just a few short blocks away. I am one of Toronto Redi-Mix's neighbours.

Many of my neighbours and I are concerned about the negative impact on the New Toronto Community of locating industrial cement production beside homes. The loud noise, dust, piles of aggregate stored on the land, and heavy industrial traffic does not belong this close to a growing community. There are environmental and health concerns. Cement production involves calcium oxide, and silica which is highly toxic when inhaled, and Portland cement which is a suspected carcinogen.

The residents are not opposed to industry at 207 New Toronto Street, however we believe cement batching is not an industry that is suitable to locate near homes.

As an industry with a location on Birmingham Street in the New Toronto Community, and as one of our business neighbours I would like clarification on Campbell's position on the development of a cement production facility in the neighbourhood. Does Campbell's Canada support cement production at 207 New Toronto Street, beside homes and families with children, or do they oppose it?

Please do not refer me to SEIEA. My neighbours and I are aware of SEIEA's position on industry and industrial lands. We are not asking your position as part of a collective.

We are asking Campbell's official position on this issue as an industrial neighbour who is part of the New Toronto Community.

I look forward to your early reply by letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: J. Nelson, Campbell Company of Canada
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