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Commissioner Joe Martens
New York Dept of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

**Re: Opposition to Proposed Constitutional Amendment for NYCO Mine,
Town of Lewis**

Dear Commissioner Martens,

The Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter is opposed to the proposed amendment to Article 14, §1 of the State Constitution that would allow NYCO Minerals, Inc. to exchange an amount of land (amount still to be determined) in order to mine wollastonite ore in the Town of Lewis on Forest Preserve lands. This opposition is based upon:

- The proposed action, if approved via a Constitutional Amendment, sets a bad precedent for the future conservation and use of the Forest Preserve by enabling mineral extraction by a private corporation.
- The type of mining proposed – open pit mining – is one of the most environmentally destructive forms of natural resource exploitation. Reclamation would require hundreds of years to restore the ecological integrity of the site.
- The potential economic benefits of expanding this mine would be brief, whereas environmental damage would be long-lasting. NYCO's October 29, 2008 presentation states, "The estimates of mining the ore in Lot 8 would extend the Lewis mine life by 5-7 years with a potential 1.2M tons of recoverable geological reserves, if mined underground. The life would be extended even longer (3-5 years) if mined as it is now, as an open pit."

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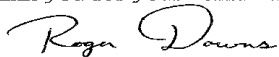
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- NYCO CEO Peter Goodwin has stated that if the amendment to the State Constitution is not approved, NYCO would not be leaving the Adirondacks. They would merely move operations to the already-permitted Oak Hill location nearby. There is no reason to inflict environmental degradation to the Forest Preserve when NYCO can move to other sites without major impacts on local employment.

The Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter does not see how the short term economic benefit of this project outweighs the potential for harm to the environment and public health. The proposed amendment is not in the best interest of the Forest Preserve, nor is it in the best interests for the people of New York State. It is for this reason the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter believes there is no compelling reason to support the proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration,



Roger Downs
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Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter