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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment and Conservation Minister Clyde Jackman has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Crown District 4,5,6 & 8 Five Year Forestry Plan (2007-11) (Reg. 1302)
Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

The proponent has submitted a Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management Districts 4,5,6 & 8 which are combined to form Planning Zone 3 as mandated by the new planning framework legislated by the Newfoundland Forest Service. Planning Zone 3 extends from Terra Nova National Park in the east, to the Bay d'Espoir Highway in the west and north to cover all of the Bay of Exploits and Bonavista North. The Five Year Plan describes: past activities in the Districts; the proposed allocation of wood supply and forest harvesting; silviculture; forest road construction; forest protection, environmental protection measures; and, monitoring and research activities from 2007 up to 2011. The undertaking was registered on November 6, 2006; public comments are due by December 14, 2006; and, the Minister's decision is due by December 22, 2006.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

EXTENSION TO DECISION DATE:

Duck Pond Mine Operations Camp (Reg. 1297)
Proponent: Aur Resources Inc.

The Minister would like to inform the public that the Proponent has agreed to an extension to the date for the Minister's decision. The Minister expects to have a decision by November 17, 2006.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:**(1) Bishop's Falls South Mink Fur Farm Expansion**

(Reg. 1280)

Proponent: Champion Furs Ltd.

The Minister has released the above project from further environmental assessment, subject to the following conditions:

- Perimeter fencing must be constructed around the barns/sheds to prevent escapement and encroachment by other animals. Contact the Wildlife Division for fencing requirements.
- All farm developments including manure spreading and buildings must be located a minimum of 1.2 kilometres from the nearest residence. This condition will also apply to off-site manure disposal agreements.

(2) Buchans Wind Power Generation

(Reg. 1277)

Proponent: Horizon Legacy Energy Corp.

The Minister has released the above project from further environmental assessment, subject to the following conditions:

- Preparation of an avian and bat monitoring program, in consultation with the Wildlife Division and the Canadian Wildlife Service, which is required to be submitted to the Minister for approval.
- Preparation of a ptarmigan population monitoring program, in consultation with the Wildlife Division, which is required to be submitted to the Minister for approval.
- Preparation of an increased access monitoring program, in consultation with the Wildlife Division, which is required to be submitted to the Minister for approval.

(3) Winterland ATV Trail

(Reg. 1291)

Proponent: Winterland Trail Association

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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