

REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 6 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

Name of Undertaking: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. Five-Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 14 (Harvesting of Hardwoods)

Proponent:

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The Undertaking:

- (i) Nature of Undertaking

Amendment to Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 14 (St. George's) to facilitate the management of the hardwood resource.
- (ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador have entered into an agreement that has transferred harvesting rights for all hardwoods on company limits in District 14 to the Crown. This amendment is necessary to identify areas that will be designated for hardwood management which are not identified

in CBP&P Ltd. Five Year Plan. Hardwood management will include the designation of areas where domestic wood cutters and small commercial operators will be issued permits to **selectively harvested hardwood** for sawlogs and fuelwood. Sivicultural activities directed toward hardwood management will also be scheduled.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 14 is situated in the southwest corner of the island portion of the Province. Amendment areas are located on CBP&P Ltd. limits which extend from the community of Gallants to the Codroy Valley. The attached overview map illustrates the location of this proposal.

(ii) Physical Features

There are nine areas included in this amendment. The attached maps illustrates the location of the individual areas. These areas contain an estimated 990,000 m³ of hardwood. It is anticipated that approximately 7500 m³ would be selectively harvested on an annual basis. This harvest level is within the current annual allowable cut (AAC) for hardwood.

(iii) Operation

This operation will involve the **selective harvesting of hardwood** to accommodate traditional demand for domestic fuelwood and commercial operators for both hardwood sawlogs and fuelwood.

Domestic cutters will manually felled trees and transport them to road side using snowmobile or ATV. A significant portion of the domestic harvest is conducted during the winter months.

Commercial timber will be manually felled, brought to roadside using a forwarder or skidder and loaded on tractor trailer for delivery.

Small scale silviculture operations will be carried out as required. Treatments will include thinning and site preparation to promote natural regeneration.

Due to the relatively small scale and selective nature of this harvesting proposal there are no negative impacts on wildlife species anticipated. A minimum of 10 snag trees per hectare will be maintained as per the Environmental Plan for Ecological Based Resource Management. A 100 m buffer will be maintained on the main stem of all scheduled salmon rivers. There are no protected water supply areas located within this proposal.

(iv) Occupants

The project should provide 500 - 1000 domestic wood cutters with a traditional supply of hardwood fuelwood. Also 6 commercial hardwood permit holders will have continued access to the hardwood resource to supply the provincial value added industry with sawlogs as well as local fuelwood market.

(v) Project-Related Document

Pending approval, this proposal will become part of Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. Five-Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 14.

Approval of the Undertaking:

Harvesting permits are required and can be obtained at the District Forestry and Wildlife Office in St. George's.

Schedule:

Harvesting is scheduled for the fall of 2003. The Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods request a decision from the Minister of Environment and Labour 45 days after receiving the completed registration form.

Date: _____

Deputy Minister