

## **NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

Proposed Harvest Operating Areas in Forest Management District 12, Grindstone / Joe Glodes Area  
**(2006-AM12-02).**

## **PROPOONENT:**

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## **UNDERTAKING:**

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada is proposing to harvest a total of approximately 62, 300 cubic meters of mature to over-mature timber, representing approximately 489 hectares. This proposed harvest is outside the current five-year operating plan for Forest Management District 12 and upon proper approvals, will be scheduled for harvest during the summer / fall of 2006. To adequately access the merchantable timber within this area, Newfoundland Woodlands is also proposing to construct a total approximately 10.6 Kilometers of new operational road.

This amendment consists of two separate areas, where:

Area 1 is Grindstone Area (Map 1), consisting of approximately 49, 900 meters of mature volume, representing approximately 389 hectares, and 6.6 Kilometers of new operational road.

Area 2 is Joe Glodes Area (Map 2), consisting of approximately 12, 400 meters of mature volume, representing approximately 100 hectares, and 4.0 Kilometers of new operational road.

## **DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:**

The two proposed harvest areas are comprised of overmature to mature forest; consisting of approximately 75% Black Spruce and 25% Balsam Fir. As indicated on the attached map, the proposed harvest area is located within Forest Management District 12 on Topographic Map 12 A/15.

All conditions associated with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically based forest resource management will be strictly followed. During harvest operation, all fuels will be stored in approved tanks and kept a minimum of 100 meters from any waterbody. 20-meter riparian zones will be located around all ponds and streams located within the proposed harvest area. There will also be an Environmental Response Kit located near the worksite during all operational phases. As well, under its Forest Environmental Management System (FEMS), which is registered to the ISO 14001 Standard, dedicated Environmental Awareness and proper operating procedures have been delivered to all associated employees involved in various activity such as: road construction, culvert / bridge installation, fuel handling and emergency response.

Operational occupations associated with proposal include:

10 Mechanical Harvester Operators	2 Excavator Operators	3 Field Technicians
5 Truck Drivers	1 Production Foremen	
5 Forwarder Operators	1 Logging Superintendent	

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## **APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada, Newfoundland Woodlands, will obtain proper stream crossing approvals from the Department of Fisheries & Oceans, Department of Environment (Water Resources Division), and if required Transport Canada (Navigable Waters Protection Act), for all water crossings identified on a 1:50,000 Topographic map, or streams that are greater than one meter in width. Where applicable during short harvest seasons, portable bridges will be utilized.

A copy of this proposal has been sent to the Department of Natural Resources (Forest Management District 12) in Springdale for inclusion into Abitibi-Consolidated's Annual Work Schedule for 2006, when released from further Environmental Assessment.

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## **SCHEDULE:**

It is anticipated that the construction of roads and subsequent harvest would commence on or near June 05, 2006.