

**REGISTRATION FORM  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

**Name of Undertaking:** Forest Access Roads Amendment to the Forest Management District 2 (Bonavista Peninsula) 5 Year Operating Plan: 2001-06

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**The Undertaking:** (i) Nature of Undertaking

Amendment to the Crown's 5 Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 2 for road and bridge construction at seven locations throughout the District.

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

A new 5 Year Operating Plan for Forest

Management District 2 will be registered with Environmental Assessment Division later in 2006 with a target implementation date of January 1, 2007. This plan will, among other things, identify all the areas to be harvested and primary forest access road to be constructed in the 2007-2011 plan period. However, in order to accommodate the harvesting planned for 2007, the first year of the new plan, access roads infrastructure must be constructed in 2006. This amendment to the current 5 Year Operating Plan is therefore required to ensure timely access to harvestable timber by forest sector companies early in the next five year planning period (2007-2011).

**Description of Undertaking:**

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 2 generally comprises the Bonavista Peninsula, as well as areas on both sides of the Trans Canada Highway from the eastern entrance of Terra Nova Park to the community of Sunnyside on the Isthmus of Avalon. The seven proposed forest access roads (and two affiliated bridges) are located throughout the District, as shown on the attached overview map.

(ii) Physical Features

The seven proposed roads range in length from 1.0km to 3.0km, and have a combined length of 13.5 km. The roads at World Pond and White Hills will be constructed to a primary forest access road standard, whereas the other five roads will be constructed to a secondary road standard.

(iii) Operation

(a) Road Development/ Reconstruction:

13.5 km of new forest access road will be constructed.

(b) Bridge Construction

Two bridges are required to be constructed as part

of these road amendments. The first bridge will be required at the end of the 3.0 km of White Hills Road #1. The second bridge will be required at the end of the 1 km of Blue Gull Pond Road.

(c) Harvesting

The only timber harvesting associated with this road construction will be right-of-way clearing. All merchantable timber harvested will be extracted and utilized.

(iv) Occupations

As per above, the proposed activities will involve heavy equipment operators (road construction), labourers and carpenters (bridge construction) and forestry workers (mechanical harvesting, forwarding and trucking of timber from road right-of-ways). It is anticipated that the activities associated with the amendment will create 425 person weeks of employment directly, and indirectly contribute to the viability of 300 permanent forest sector jobs in the region.

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 2 Five Year Operating Plan, 2001- 2006.

**Approval of the Undertaking:**

- (i) Commercial Operating Permits from the District 2 Management District 2 (Clarenville) Office.
- (ii) Stream/River Crossing Permits from Water Resources Division, Dept. of Environment and Conservation.
- (iii) Stream/River Crossing Permits from Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

**Schedule:**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment and Conservation receives the completed registration form.

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**Date**

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**Chief Executive Officer**