

## **NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

Proposed Harvest Operating Areas in Forest Management District 10, Peterview Ridge Area  
**(2006-AM10-01).**

## **PROPOSER:**

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## **UNDERTAKING:**

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada is proposing to harvest a total of approximately 56, 200 cubic meters of mature to over-mature timber, representing approximately 650 hectares. This proposed harvest is outside the current five-year operating plan for Forest Management District 10 and upon proper approvals, will be scheduled for harvest during the fall of 2006 & winter of 2007.

To adequately access the merchantable timber within this area, Newfoundland Woodlands is also proposing to construct a total approximately 13.1 Kilometers of new operational road.

However, in an effort to minimize any potential negative impacts to the newly installed buried waterline to the town of Botwood, portable bridges will be used on the operational roads crossing over the buried waterline. In this respect, there will be no forwarding of wood over the waterline. All wood harvested to the north of the waterline will be forwarded to the newly constructed operational roads and then transported over the waterline by tractor-trailer. In total, we intend to install at least five portable bridges over the waterline to adequately harvest the volume.

## **DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:**

The two proposed harvest areas are comprised of overmature to mature forest; consisting of approximately 86% Black Spruce and 14% Balsam Fir. As indicated on the attached map, the proposed harvest area is located within Forest Management District 10 on Topographic Map 2 E / 13.

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 10) in Bishop Falls 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 October 01, 2006.