

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Proposed Harvest Operating Area in Forest Management District 12, Sidecut Area
(2006-AM12-10).

PROPOSER:

- (I) Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada, Newfoundland Woodlands
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UNDERTAKING:

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada is proposing to harvest a total of approximately 53,700 cubic meters of mature to over-mature timber, representing approximately 419 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 late fall of 2006 and the winter of 2007.

As viewed on the attached map, the capital road through this proposed harvest area was previously approved during the five-year plan submission (2003-2007) for Forest Management District 12, under area number ACCC-12-42 (Noel Paul South). This road is currently being constructed toward Captain Storms Brook. Any other operational roads required to adequately access this proposed harvest area will be identified at a later date and submitted to the Department of Natural Resources for review and approval.

DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:

This proposed harvest area is comprised of overmature to mature forest; consisting of approximately 82% Black Spruce and 14% Balsam Fir. As indicated on the attached map, the proposed harvest area is located within Forest Management District 12 on Topographic Map 12 A/9.

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:

8 Mechanical Harvester Operators
3 Truck Drivers
4 Forwarder Operators

2 Excavator Operators
1 Production Foremen
1 Logging Superintendent

2 Field Technicians

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.

SCHEDULE:

It is anticipated that actual harvesting of this amendment would commence in late fall of 2006 and continue during the winter of 2007.