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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
Office of the Minister

File # 2.4883.0003
Reg. #1933

Mr. Daniel Villeneuve
180 Patrick Street
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Dear Mr. Villeneuve:

RE: Crémallière Harbour Marine Port Development – Registration 1933

The Environmental Preview Report (EPR) submitted on December 5, 2018, has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) and the public, as required by the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2*. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that the EPR is deficient and you must submit a revised EPR.

The revised EPR will consider and address the following deficiencies, including, but not limited to:

1. Development of a Women's Employment Plan (WEP) in consultation with the Women's Policy Office (WPO) that meets the approval of the Deputy Minister of WPO. The WEP should include commitments and accountability measures (including contractors and sub-contractors) that promote the employment and leadership of women through each phase of the project.
2. Clarification with respect to the Avifauna Management Plan (AMP). Specifically, how the AMP will consider the number and distribution of species detected within the project study area, including the short-eared owl. This will include a description of the surveys for avifauna that must be conducted prior to construction. The Wildlife Division must be consulted regarding survey methodology and permits.
3. Corrections to the description of the occurrence and status of wildlife species within the project footprint.
4. Acknowledgment in section 6.1.4 of the main document that rare plants occur in the project area. Section 6.3.2 must include description of standardized botanical surveys for rare plant species to be conducted by qualified botanists in all areas to be cleared prior to construction. The Wildlife Division must be consulted regarding survey methodology, survey permits and appropriate pre- and post-construction management actions.

5. Information on anticipated traffic volumes and types of vehicles expected for this development when in production. Additional detail is required on the upgrades to the Goose Cove Road.
6. Information on the distribution and occurrence of fish species and their habitat (e.g. substrate, aquatic vegetation) within the specific project area. Information on commercial, recreational, or Indigenous fisheries in the project area as well as a description of any potential interactions/interference with other resource users.
7. Detailed explanation of the requirement for the following proposed project activities to be located at dockside:
 - a. Liquid Drilling Mud Plant
 - b. Ballast Water Disposal and Treatment Facility
 - c. Fuel Tank Farm
8. Detailed explanation of the requirement for the ore storage component of the project and a more detailed description of its operation.
9. An assessment of the requirement for the graving dock in relation to existing provincial capacity, including the need for this facility to be enclosed.
10. A detailed comparison of the specific requirements of the proposed project in relation to the location, services and infrastructure currently or potentially provided by the port of St. Anthony or other existing port. This comparison should specify a more precise evaluation of the criteria and market factors considered when selecting the proposed site.

If you have any questions regarding preparation of the revised EPR, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca, or John Reynolds, chair of the project EAC, at 709-729-0090, johnreynolds@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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