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Department of Fisheries and Land Resources
Forestry Services Branch
P.O. Box 159
Cartwright, NL A0K1V0

Dear Mr. Oke:

RE: Forest Management District 20 - Five-year Operating Plan (2020 – 2024)

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- A minimum 30 metre undisturbed vegetated buffer is required along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000 topo map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.
- Domestic harvesters are to apply for a permit if proposing to cut within the planning area boundary of the Town of Cartwright. For additional information, please contact the Local Governance and Planning Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment at (709) 729-3090.
- There will be no commercial or domestic wood harvesting inside or within 100 metres of the proposed Eagle River Waterway Provincial Park. For further information, please contact the Provincial Parks Division of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation at (709) 637-2411.
- A Greenhouse Gas Management Plan must be prepared and submitted for approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment. A draft of this plan must be submitted within one year of the date of this letter with an update on the progress of this plan to be submitted in 6 months. The plan is expected to include:
 - Any carbon modeling that has been or will be used to inform forest management planning
 - Projections on the level of Green House Gas emissions that are anticipated to be captured and/or released over the five year period
 - A description of how forest management will be informed by carbon modelling with regard to climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation.

For further information, please contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485.

The Department of Natural Resources advises that there may be some overlap between forestry and mineral exploration and recommends that the Mines Branch and the Forestry Services Branch work together to minimize mutual impacts.

The Department of Service NL advises that a development permit will be required for any construction within 400 metres of the centre line of the Trans Labrador Highway, and a permit is required for the construction of an access road in a protected area or for any access onto a protected road. In addition to permit requirements from Service NL, any proposed access roads to the site must be approved by the Department of Transportation and Works. For further information, please contact Service NL Government Service Centre at (709) 896-4340.

Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canadian Wildlife Services (ECCC-CWS) recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory birds, vegetation clearing should be avoided between May 15th and August 15th in this region. However, as some species protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities comply with the MBCA and associated regulations. ECCC-CWS have provided links to the "Avoiding harm to migratory birds: guidelines to reduce risk to migratory birds" and "Avoidance Guidelines" documents. ECCC-CWS further advises that non-avian species at risk may occur within the study area and requests that any sightings of Little Brown Bat, Boreal Caribou and Eastern Migratory Caribou be reported. Avian and non-avian species at risk sightings should be reported to ECCC-CWS at 1-800-668-6767.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment
District of Fogo Island-Cape Freels

cc: Hon. Lisa Dempster, MHA
District of Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair