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Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture
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Dear Mr. Oke:

Re: Forest Management District 13 (Zone 5) Amendment

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:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- Commitments made in the environmental assessment registration document for EA Reg. #2108, Crown Zone 5 Five-year Operating Plan (2021–2025), apply to this project as do the conditions of release of EA # 2108 from further environmental assessment in the Minister's letter of March 11, 2021.
- You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when each of the conditions of release has been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that you must obtain permits for any work in a body of water including a wetland, work in shore water zones and for any infilling work within fifteen metres of a body of water. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs advises that the protected road building control line extends 400 metres from the Burgeo Highway (Route 480) and forestry activities, where possible, must be screened from highway view. For further information, please contact the Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division at (709) 729-3090.

The Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that this domestic harvest block falls within Newfoundland marten critical and core (recovery) habitat. Permits for this domestic harvest block must state that no harvesting is to occur between April 1st and June 30th, which is a critical denning period for Newfoundland marten. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 729-1140.

Digital Government and Service NL (DGSNL) advises that a development permit will be required under the Protected Road Zoning Regulations for any construction within 400 metres of the centre line of Route 480, the Burgeo Highway, and for the construction of an access road to Route 480. For more information, please contact DGSNL at (709) 869-5428.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. ECCC requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped for consideration of cumulative effects. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221.

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. 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.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

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

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature, appearing to be "Bernard Davis", written over a horizontal line.

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Minister

Enclosures

cc: The Honourable Andrew Parsons, MHA
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Town of Burgeo