

Attachment A

Conditions of Release from Environmental Assessment

EA #: 2367 CBPPL Zone 5, District 10 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2026-2030)
(the Project)

1 Definition

- 1.1 "Act" means the **Environmental Protection Act** (the **Act**).
- 1.2 "Department" means the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and the contact for the Department for this environmental assessment (EA) release is:
- Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Climate Change
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
Tel. 709-729-0673
- 1.3 "Minister", unless the context indicates otherwise, means the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 1.4 "Proponent" means a person who carries out or proposes to carry out a Project, or is the owner or person having charge, control or management of a Project.
- 1.5 "Registered" and "registration" mean registered under Section 49 of the **Act**.
- 1.6 "Release" means the release of a Project under Section 51, 54, 67 or 72 of the **Act** from the further application of the EA requirements of Part X of the **Act**.
- 1.7 "Undertaking" includes an enterprise, activity, **Project**, structure, work or proposal and a modification, abandonment, demolition, decommissioning, rehabilitation and an extension of them that may, in the opinion of the Minister, have a significant environmental effect.

2 Acronyms / Abbreviations

CCB	Climate Change Branch
EA	Environmental Assessment
REG	Registration document
WRMD	Water Resources Management Division

3 Scope

- 3.1 The EA release letter relates to Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited (CBPPL), hereafter referred to as the "Proponent", and their Registration document (REG) for CBPPL Zone 5, District 10 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2026-2030), EA REG # 2367, hereafter referred to as the "Project".

- 3.2 The Proponent shall ensure the Project is carried out in accordance with this EA release and their REG.

4 General

- 4.1 The Proponent shall uphold all commitments made in the EA submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment, unless otherwise advised by the Minister.
- 4.2 The Proponent shall conduct the Project in accordance with the **Act**, as amended from time to time.
- 4.3 The Proponent shall provide written notification of Project commencement to the Department, prior to the commencement of Project construction, by sending an email to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.4 The Proponent shall update the EA Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, within one year from the date of this EA release letter and provide additional updates if required. Project updates shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.5 This EA release does not exempt a Proponent of a Project from the requirements imposed upon the Project by (a) another Act or regulation of the province or of Canada; or (b) a municipal regulation, by-law or requirement.
- 4.6 A license, permit, approval or other document of authorization pertaining to the Project shall not be issued under another Act until the Project has been exempted or released from EA.
- 4.7 Prior to a proposed change to any aspect of the Project from that proposed in the REG, the Proponent must submit the proposal to the Department to review for regulatory requirements, including EA.
- 4.8 No authority is granted by this EA release to enable the Proponent to commence or continue the Project on lands which are not in the control or ownership of the Proponent. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that such a contravention does not occur.
- 4.9 The Proponent shall notify the Minister before a transfer, sale or lease of the Project.
- 4.10 Where a timeline is associated with a condition(s) of the EA release, the Proponent shall fulfil the requirements of the condition(s) within the prescribed timeline, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Minister.
- 4.11 If there is a discrepancy between the REG and the conditions of this EA release, the conditions of this EA release shall apply.
- 4.12 The Proponent shall bear all expenses incurred in carrying out the environmental management and monitoring required under the conditions of this EA release, the **Act** or the Environmental Assessment Regulations.

- 4.13 The Proponent shall ensure that this EA release, or a copy, is present at the Project site while personnel are on site and that personnel directly involved in the Project are made fully aware of the conditions which pertain to this EA release.
- 4.14 Throughout the life of the Project, the Proponent shall conduct any additional studies or monitoring and/or implement additional mitigation measures as required by the Minister.
- 4.15 The Proponent shall advise the EA Division by email of when the requirements of conditions of release have been completed, by providing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate the completion of requirements. Information shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca. The Minister will advise the Proponent in writing of whether the condition(s) of release have been met.

5 Greenhouse Gas Management Plan

- 5.1 The Climate Change Branch (CCB) of this department requires that a Greenhouse Gas Management Plan be prepared and submitted to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change for approval. A draft of this plan shall be submitted within one year of the date of the Minister's decision letter with an update on the progress of this plan to be submitted in 6 months. The plan is to include:
- Any carbon modelling that has been or will be used to inform forest management planning;
 - Projections on the level of greenhouse gas emissions that are anticipated to be captured and/or released over the five-year period; and
 - 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 CCB at (709) 729-1485.

6 Erosion and Sediment Control

- 6.1 The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of this department requires that the Proponent submit an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan that identifies all erosion-prone areas within the Exploits River Floodplain Watershed along with erosion and sediment control measures to prevent the release of silt and sediment into nearby waterbodies. The Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan must be approved by WRMD prior to the commencement of timber harvesting activities. For further information, please contact WRMD at (709) 637-2563.

7 Tourism Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Mitigation Plan

- 7.1 The Tourism Product Development Division (Tourism) of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation requires that the Proponent submit a Tourism Stakeholder Consultation Plan to Tourism for review and approval prior to commencing forestry operations. The plan should outline engagement with tourism stakeholders, identify potential impacts of forestry activities, and describe

measures to mitigate effects on wildlife, wilderness settings, hunting success, and public access. For further information, please contact Tourism at (709) 729-6588.

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HON. DR. SCOTT REID, MHA
District of St. George's - Humber
Minister

Date: SEP 08 2025