Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Gosling Lake RV Park (Reg. 2226)

Proponent: Abbass and McLean Holdings Inc.

The proponent is proposing to develop and operate a 14-hectare RV park at the location of a former camping park on Route 520, east of Gosling Lake. The park is located approximately 15 kilometres north of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and 24 kilometres southwest of the Town of North West River. Park development would include installation of a sewage system and fencing, and the construction of a gatehouse and main building with a convenience store, restaurant, office, laundry and washroom facilities. The park grounds would include approximately 80 RV sites; six cabins; and 20 tent lots and playground. A description of the project can be found on the department's webpage at: https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/projects-list/

The undertaking was registered on December 8, 2022; the deadline for public comment is January 13, 2023; and the minister's decision is due by January 22, 2023.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Conception Bay South Pyrophyllite Processing Facility and Mine Development Proponent: Trinity Resources Limited (Reg. 2219)

The Project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent is required to uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment. This includes the commitment to provide permanent, uninterrupted public access to the backcountry via the by-pass road described in the submission.
- The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of my Department requires the following:
 - The proponent must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the WRMD for the installation of a real-time water quality/quantity monitoring network for groundwater/surface water, as will be determined

- upon further consultation. The proponent is to bear all costs associated with the monitoring network and must install the network prior to commencing Project operations to collect adequate background data; and
- The proponent must submit a groundwater assessment and monitoring report for approval by the WRMD, prior to commencing Project operations. The groundwater assessment must include existing/baseline groundwater levels, flow and quality and must describe how/whether mining operations will affect the groundwater levels, flow and quality in the area.
- The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure requires the proponent to undertake and provide a Traffic Impact Study following the 'Guidelines for Preparation of a Traffic Impact Study,' to determine if upgrades to the on-ramp merge lane from Minerals Road are necessary to mitigate traffic safety concerns associated with the Project.
- The proponent must advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled.
- The proponent must 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, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required.

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Public comments may be forwarded to: EAprojectcomments@gov.nl.ca

Environmental assessment information is available at:

https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/

https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GUIDE-TO-THE-PROCESS May-2022.pdf

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If you submit comments on a project that is under environmental assessment, please advise the Department if you DO NOT wish to share your comments with the project proponent.

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