REGISTRATION FORM

PURSUANT OF PART 10, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

SECTION 49 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

Name of Undertaking:

Proponent:

The Undertaking:

Description of Undertaking:

Zone 8 Amendment Five Year Operating Plan (2023-2027)

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(i) Nature of Undertaking

Domestic timber harvesting amendment to the current Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management Districts 17 & 18.

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

This amendment is necessary to resolve an omission in the current 2023-2027 Five Year Plan. This amendment is required to meet the needs and concerns of domestic cutters in the Bellburns domestic block (CC17513).

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management Planning Zone 8 encompasses Forest Management Districts 17 & 18. It extends from Gros Morne National Park in the south to the community of St. Anthony in the north. This harvesting amendment is for the south east corner of the Bellburns Domestic cutting block CC17513.

(ii) Physical Features

The Bellburns Domestic Block amendment covers 236 hectares of productive forest land and will provide access to an additional 6,882 m3 of timber.

(iii) Operation

This area will be harvested by domestic cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place by snowmobile during the winter months. Based upon yearly domestic permit sales, it is estimated that approximately 1,188 m³ of softwood and 1,320 m³ of hardwood will be harvested in these areas over the duration of this five year operating plan (2023-2027).

(iv) Occupants

There will be approximately 10-12 domestic wood cutters harvesting in this amendment.

(v) Project Related Document

Forest Management District 17 & 18 Five Year Operating Plan; January 1st, 2023 - December 31st, 2027, project # 2210, released on October 28, 2022.

Domestic Cutting Permits from the Forestry & Wildlife Branch district office in Port Saunders.

If approved, harvesting will commence in 2023.

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Approval of the Undertaking:

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