May 4, 2001

Department of Environment Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment Minister Ralph Wiseman has announced the following events relative to the Environmental Assessment Act. In the case of documents received or approved, copies may be obtained by contacting the Department of Environment or by calling toll-free 1-800-563-6181. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

1) Amendment to Forest Management District 12 Five Year Management Plan Proponent: Abitibi-Consolidated

The proponent intends to redirect 0.4 km of Class "B" road and 1.0 km of Class "C" road within the previously approved Mountain Brook Road Network (Northwest of Red Indian Lake) to improve access to harvesting areas and to reduce the number of stream crossings from 3 to 2. The project was registered on May 2, 2001, public comments are due June 8, and the Minister's decision is due June 16. The proponent expects to start work immediately upon release from the EA Process

2) Special Waste Transfer Station, Donovans Industrial Park, Mount Pearl Proponent: ASCo Canada Ltd.

The proponent intends to build a third industrial building of 3,000 square feet within their existing 6.9 Ha of developed property at 10 Corisande Drive in Mount Pearl in order to service the offshore oil industry. The building will have a sealed concrete bermed floor, membrane liner, and a drainage/collection system separate from the sewage system. The facility will accept some classifications of drummed (non-bulk) wastes not suitable for landfilling, and will ship them to licensed recycling or disposal facilities. There will not be any outdoor storage of drums. Construction, that could start as early as June 20, will take approximately 2 months. The project was registered on May 3, 2001, public comments are due June 8, and the Minister's decision is due June 17.

3) Experimental Application of the Balsam Fir Sawfly Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus Proponent: Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service

The Canadian Forest Service in co-operation with the Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods and Forest Protection Limited is proposing to carry out an experimental research application of a microbial

biological control agent (balsam fir sawfly nuclear polyhedrosis virus - NeabNPV). Applications would be made both aerially and from the ground on selected silviculturally treated forest stands forecast to receive moderate to severe balsam fir sawfly defoliation in 2001.

It is proposed to apply NeabNPV to selected sites in western Newfoundland south of Corner Brook and in the Bay D'Espoir area. Treatment is expected to occur between late June and late July depending on how the weather affects insect hatching and development. The project was registered on May 4 2001, public comments are due June 8, and the Minister's decision is due June 18.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED

Forest Management District 7, Five Year Operating Plan (Amendment) South Coast-Bay d' Espoir Area. Proponent: Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods

The Minister has released the project from environmental assessment in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709)-729-2562 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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