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Department of Environment
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment Minister Kevin Aylward has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

(1) Rocky Harbour Breakwater and Wharf

Proponent: Town of Rocky Harbour

The Town of Rocky Harbour proposes to construct a 600 metre long rubble mound breakwater to form a protected harbour at Rocky Harbour Cove in addition to a timber crib wharf to be accessed by a 250 metre rockfill approach. The undertaking was registered on February 11, 2003; public comments are due by March 20, 2003; and, the Minister's decision is due by March 28, 2003.

(2) Nain Wind Power Project

Proponent: Westenwind NV

The proponent proposes to construct and operate a single wind turbine generator (WTG) at Akpiksai Bay, in the municipal boundaries of the Town of Nain, Labrador approximately 250 metres west of the Town's dump site. The proposed WTG is a conical tubular steel tower with a maximum hub height of 60 metres and a three bladed rotor diameter of between 30 and 50 metres. The proposed power generation from the single WTG is between 225 and 660 kilowatts (kW). Power from the WTG will supplement the existing diesel generating plant and is to be sold to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for distribution and resale to customers. Construction for the project will also include a 4.5 metre wide access road and power and telephone transmission lines for connection to the local grid. The undertaking was registered on February 11, 2003; public comments are due by March 20, 2003; and, the Minister's decision is due by March 28, 2003.

(3) Mary's Harbour Wind Power Project

Proponent: Westenwind NV

The proponent proposes to construct and operate a single wind turbine generator (WTG) in the municipal boundaries of the Town of Mary's Harbour, Labrador. The WTG is planned to be located to the west of the Town and approximately 800 metres from the Town's diesel generator site. The proposed WTG is a conical tubular steel tower with a maximum hub height of 60 metres and a three bladed rotor diameter of between 30 and 50 metres. The proposed power generation from the single WTG is between 225 and 660 kilowatts (kW). Power from the WTG will supplement the existing diesel

generating plant and is to be sold to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for distribution and resale to customers. Construction for the project will also include a 4.5 metre wide access road and power and telephone transmission lines for connection to the local grid. The undertaking was registered on February 11, 2003; public comments are due by March 20, 2003; and, the Minister's decision is due by March 28, 2003.

(4) Charlottetown Wind Power Project

Proponent: Westenwind NV

The proponent proposes to construct and operate a single wind turbine generator (WTG) in the municipal boundaries of the Town of Charlottetown, Labrador. The WTG is planned to be located to the north of the Town and will require construction of a 350 metre access road for connection to the existing road network. The proposed WTG is a conical tubular steel tower with a maximum hub height of 60 metres and a three bladed rotor diameter of between 30 and 50 metres. The proposed power generation from the single WTG is between 225 and 660 kilowatts (kW). Power from the WTG will supplement the existing diesel generating plant and is to be sold to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for distribution and resale to customers. The access road will be 4.5 metres wide and construction will also include power and telephone transmission lines for connection to the local grid. The undertaking was registered on February 11, 2003; public comments are due by March 20, 2003; and, the Minister's decision is due by March 28, 2003.

(5) Crown Five Year Operating Plan Forest Management District 15 (2003-2008)

Proponent: Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods

The proponent proposes a five year operating plan for unalienated Crown lands in Forest Management District 15 for the period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2008. Activities will include: harvesting, road construction, silviculture, environmental protection, surveys and monitoring. The District is located on the west coast of the island portion of the province and is centered around the Bay of Islands. It is bounded by Gros Morne National Park in the northwest, Deer Lake in the northeast, the Gulf of St. Lawrence in the west, Gallants in the southwest and extends east to just beyond Grand Lake's southern shore. District 15 covers a total area of 562,533 hectares. The undertaking was registered on February 13, 2003; public comments are due by March 20, 2003; and, the Minister's decision is due by March 30, 2003.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AVAILABLE

Cartwright Junction to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Trans Labrador Highway

The Ministers of Environment and Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs and the President of the Innu Nation have concluded a Memorandum of Understanding on the environmental assessment of the Trans Labrador Highway (Phase III) which provides for Innu Nation participation of the environmental assessment. The Memorandum of Understanding and its Innu-aimun translation are available for information purposes from the Department's website or by contacting Ed Kaufhold, Environmental Assessment Division, (709) 729-0090 or e-mail at ekaufhold@mail.gov.nf.ca.

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