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Department of Environment Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

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

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Parsons Pond Access Road and Exploratory Oil and Gas Well Proponent: Contact Exploration Inc.

The proponent plans to build an access road and site for drilling an exploration oil and gas well south of Parsons Pond in Western Newfoundland. The project will include construction of approximately 1.3 kilometres of new road to access the drilling location. The drilling site will be located approximately midway between the southern boundary of Parsons Pond and the northern boundary of Gros Morne National Park. Construction of the road is planned to start in early December and the drilling operation phase of the project will take about 90 days to complete. The undertaking was registered on September 29, 2003; public comments are due by November 3, 2003; and, the Minister's decision is due on

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.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

(1) Trophy Lake / High Pond (Northern Peninsula) ATV Trail Proponent: Mr. Samuel P. Caines

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