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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment and Conservation Minister Tom Osborne has announced the following event relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Hay Lake (Labrador West) Reclamation Project (Reg. 1190)
Proponent: Wabush Mines; Cliffs Mining Co., Managing Agent

The proponent plans to continue excavation of the open pit mining operation (Scully Mine), such that waste rock and ore will be removed from the area surrounding Hay Lake, a water body within the mine lease area. Scully Mine is located approximately 5 kilometres west of Wabush, Labrador. Hay Lake is located at the northeastern corner of the open pit complex. The undertaking will realize continued resource extraction within the mining lease area of the Scully Mine. Hay Lake will be drained to allow access to the ore body adjacent to it and to assure the safety of the mining operation. Hay Lake has been surveyed and found to comprise an area of 11.7 hectares; the lake's mean depth is 1.6 metres; and maximum depth is 4 metres. Draining of Hay Lake is scheduled to begin at the end of June in 2005. The undertaking was registered on April 11, 2005; public comments are due by May 17, 2005; and the Minister's decision is due by May 26, 2005.

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.

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