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Department of Environment and Conservation Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

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

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Lethbridge Mink Fur Farm Proponent: Bonavista Fur Farm Inc.

(Reg. 1269)

The proponent proposes to construct a 15,000 female breeder mink fur farm near Lethbridge, Bonavista Peninsula. The proposed 43 hectare farm site is to be located off of Route 230, east of Sandy Cove. The proponent plans to start with 5,000 female breeders and expand to 15,000 female breeders producing approximately 75,000 kits annually. Construction will include up to 30 mink sheds/barns (122 metres long by 7 metres wide), storage shed and temporary manure storage in a 15 acre area surrounded by perimeter fencing. Construction is planned to start upon completion of the environmental assessment review and transfer of breeding stock in Fall 2006. The undertaking was registered on June 21, 2006; public comments are due by July 26, 2006; and, the Minister's decision is due by August 5, 2006.

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.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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