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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

The Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WORK:

Schefferville Area Iron Ore Mine

Proponent: Labrador Iron Mines Ltd.

(Reg. 1379)

Following public and agency review of the December 12, 2008 submission of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Schefferville Area Iron Ore Mine, it has been determined that the proponent must provide additional information to supplement the EIS.

This includes further information on the potential use of the area by woodland caribou, clarification on residue disposal options and surface water protection, additional detail on mitigative measures and clarification of stormwater management proposals.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Crown District 19A (Goose Bay) Five-Year Operating Plan 2008-2012

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources/Innu Nation

(Reg. 1413)

District 19A contains 2.2 million hectares of land and is located in the Upper lake Melville area of Labrador. The Annual Allowable Cut for the District is 200,000 cubic metres and there will be both commercial and domestic harvest areas. Approximately 73 kilometres of forest access road will be required from both the Crown and commercial operators. Silviculture activities will focus on planting 1000 hectares and pre-commercial thinning will be carried out on 500 hectares of land.

The undertaking was registered on March 11, 2009; public comments are due by April 15, 2009; and the Minister's decision is due by April 25, 2009.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Stephenville Shooting Range

Proponent: Town of Stephenville

(Reg. 1401)

The undertaking is released from further environmental assessment. However, since the undertaking is located within the Town of Kippens Protected Water Supply Area (PWSA), the Minister determined that there exists an unacceptable risk to the town's water supply. Therefore, a permit to operate within the PWSA will not be issued and the undertaking is not permitted to proceed in this location. The proponent is advised to consider an alternate site to develop this undertaking.

For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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