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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.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

St. Lawrence Fluorspar Mine Reactivation

Proponent: Burin Minerals Ltd.

(Reg. 1418)

The proposal is to reactivate the St. Lawrence fluorspar mine, located on the southern tip of the Burin Peninsula. The proposed project includes: underground mine development of the previously mined Tarefare and Blue Beach North veins; upgrades to existing mill; construction of a tailings management facility at Shoal Cove Pond; and, construction of a new marine terminal including a 250 metre long deep water wharf in the Blue Beach area. The proposed mine concentrate production rates will be 120,000 to 180,000 tonnes of fluorspar per year. Site preparation and construction is scheduled to begin by the spring of 2010, and full operations by the fall of 2011. The undertaking was registered on April 14, 2009; public comments are due by May 22, 2009; and, the Minister's decision is due by May 29, 2009.

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