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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:

Crown District 19A Five-Year Forest Management Operating Plan (Amendment)
Proponent: Dept. of Natural Resources (Reg. 1482)

The proposal is for an amendment to the existing Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 19A (Central Labrador) to manually plant a 600 hectare burn area located near Muskrat Falls, just south of the Trans Labrador Highway. The proposed activity will consist of the manual planting of greenhouse-reared, containerized black and white spruce seedlings, and should take approximately four weeks per year to complete, providing approximately 10 seasonal jobs each year.

The undertaking was registered on March 17, 2010; the deadline for public comments is April 23, 2010; and the Minister's decision is due by May 1, 2010.

Brown's Arm Farm Access
Proponent: Mr. Marc Porter (Reg. 1483)

The proposal is a one kilometre road located four kilometres from Brown's Arm Road (Route 341) and 15 kilometres from Lewisporte. The location is dry and cutover and will require limited vegetation removal. Construction will require two days and will commence pending approval.

The undertaking was registered on March 17, 2010; the deadline for public comments is April 23, 2010; and the Minister's decision is due by May 1, 2010.

Botwood Airstrip Sand Quarry
Proponent: Penney Paving Ltd. (Reg. 1484)

The proponent proposes to develop a sand pit approximately 10 kilometres southeast of the Town of Botwood, off Route 350. The proposed pit site will cover a total area of approximately four hectares. Access to the site will be by an existing gravel road approximately one kilometre long which will be upgraded and extended to the northwest to access the quarry lease. Operations will include the excavation and loading of sand and gravel materials at the working face of the pit, crushing and screening processing, and transportation of sand materials for use off site.

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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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