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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 PREVIEW REPORT ADDENDUM SUBMITTED:

St. Lawrence Fluorspar Mine Reactivation Proponent: Canada Fluorspar (NL) Inc.

The proponent has submitted an Addendum to the Environmental Preview Report (EPR) and Federal Environmental Assessment for the above undertaking. The Addendum was prepared to address the additional information requested on the EPR and Federal Environmental Assessment as announced on February 1, 2010. Public comments regarding the document are welcome and must be received no later than April 27, 2010. The document can be viewed on the Department's website indicated below. The Minister will decide the acceptability of the EPR not later than May 6, 2010, upon receiving recommendations from the Assessment Committee. For further information on this project contact the Chair of the Assessment Committee, Paul Carter at (709)729-0188 or e-mail at PCarter@gov.nl.ca.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Roddickton Pellet Plant Proponent: Holson Forest Products Ltd.

(Reg. 1485)

The proponent proposes to construct and operate a 50,000 ton per year wood pellet mill at an existing saw mill site near the town of Roddickton on the Northern Peninsula. The pellet mill will produce soft wood pellets from fir and spruce wood residue from local saw mills. A new building to house the mill equipment will be constructed over a 10 week period commencing in the spring of 2010. The mill is projected to operate 24 hours per day for approximately 310 days of the year.

The undertaking was registered on March 24, 2010; the deadline for public comments is May 3, 2010; and the Minister's decision is due by May 8, 2010.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

| Crown District 1 Five-Year Operating Plan (2007-2011) Amendment Proponent: Department of Natural Resources | (Reg. 1466) |
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| Winterland ATV Trail Proponent: Mr. Wallace Keeping | (Reg. 1468) |
| Plate Cove West Breakwater Construction Proponent: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours | (Reg. 1470) |

(Reg. 1418)

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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