

Environment and Conservation
April 14, 2010

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.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Isle aux Morts River Gravel Quarry

Proponent: Land and Sea Outfitting Inc.

(Reg. 1488)

The proponent proposes to quarry approximately 25, 865 tonnes of gravel over a two year period from a previously existing quarry located approximately 4.6 kilometres east of the Margaree intersection on Route 470 on the southwest coast of Newfoundland. The material will be used as fill at two properties located at Margaree. There will be no buildings or structures constructed on the site.

The undertaking was registered on April 13, 2010; public comments are due by May 21, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by May 28, 2010.

Baie Verte, Ming Copper-Gold Mine and Nugget Pond Mill

Proponent: Rambler Metals and Mining Canada Limited

(Reg. 1487)

Rambler Metals and Mining Canada Ltd. (Rambler) proposes to reactivate the Ming Mine site, located approximately 17 kilometres from Baie Verte, Newfoundland. This mine will operate for seven years at a production rate of 850 tonnes per day. The proposed underground mine will be an extension of existing workings, using loop-hole mining and pillar room mining methods. Rambler proposes to use the Nugget Pond Mill, located near Snook's Arm (approximately 40 kilometres from the Ming Mine site). The Nugget Pond Mill Site has a fully operational gold hydrometallurgical facility and a copper floatation circuit will be constructed. The Mill Site has a permitted tailings impoundment area with sufficient capacity for the Ming Mine project. Rambler is currently working to establish a lease agreement with the Town of South Brook to lease the existing port facility at Goodyear's Cove, Newfoundland. Shipments will be required approximately 4 – 5 times a year. A concentrate storage building and associated infrastructure will be constructed at the port site. An average of 90 people (peaking at 220) will be employed during construction for up to 8 months. Approximately 158 people will be employed for the seven years of mine life. Construction will begin as soon as possible in 2010, with commissioning of the mill scheduled for early 2011.

The undertaking was registered on April 12, 2010; public comments are due by May 18, 2010; and the Minister's decision is due by May 27, 2010.

Hawkes Bay - John Hogan Trail Extension**Proponent: Town of Hawkes Bay****(Reg. 1489)**

The proponent proposes to extend the existing John Hogan Trail by two kilometres, allowing access to at least three additional salmon pools. The trail will extend along the edge of the Torrent River. Construction will begin in mid-July and require twenty weeks to complete the proposed work. Ten labourers will be hired for the duration of this work.

The undertaking was registered on April 13, 2010; public comments are due by May 18, 2010; and the Minister's decision is due by May 28, 2010.

Rocky Harbour Cottage Development Plan – Amendment No. 4, 2010**Proponent: Land Management Division****(Reg. 1490)**

The project consists of the fourth amendment to the Rocky Harbour Cottage Development Plan. The proponent proposes the development of 50 new remote recreational cottage lots within the Rocky Harbour Cottage Planning Area located within an enclave inside Gros Morne National Park, 5 kilometers east of the community of Rocky Harbour on the west coast of Newfoundland. Access to the enclave is across a 30 meter parcel of land under the jurisdiction of Gros Morne National Park adjacent to Route 430. All cottage sites are considered remote and accessible only by walking, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle (licensed trails only). A 0.4 hectare parcel of Crown Land will be allocated for each cottage lot with typical dimensions of 45m x90m. Currently there are 41 licensed cottage lots located in six designated cottage development areas within the enclave. Development of cottage lots will be the responsibility of individual cabin owners once allocation has been completed.

The undertaking was registered on April 14, 2010; public comments are due by May 19, 2010; and, the minister's decision is due by May 29, 2010.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:**Fortune (Cashmere) ATV Trail****Proponent: Fortune ATV Trail Association Inc.****(Reg. 1464)****Jewer's Brook, Wooddale Cranberry and Forage Operation****Proponent: Glenfair Farms Ltd.****(Reg. 1474)**

This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following condition:

- Prior to the start of construction, the proponent must develop monitoring survey protocol in consultation with the Wildlife Division for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area or potentially be attracted to the cranberry site.

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