

Environment and Conservation
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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:

Debottlenecking Project – North Atlantic Refining Limited (Reg. 1528) **Proponent: North Atlantic Refining Limited**

The proponent intends to upgrade of its refinery facility in Come By Chance, through a process known as a debottlenecking, to remove process constraints and permit improved production and efficiency. The project will improve the economics and sustainability of the refinery and result in a reduction in greenhouse gas and criteria air contaminant emissions. Many existing pumps, heat exchangers, compressors and process vessels will be modified or replaced. A new crude blending tank will also be constructed. The project is to be carried out in phases beginning in the fall of 2010 and ending in the winter of 2011.

The undertaking was registered on August 25, 2010; the deadline for public comments is September 30, 2010; and the minister's decision is due by October 8, 2010.

Golden Promise Property (near Badger) Bulk Sample (Reg. 1529) **Proponent: Crosshair Exploration & Mining Corporation**

The proponent proposes to undertake a trenching and bulk sampling program on the Golden Promise Property located approximately 11 kilometres southwest of Badger, on the north side of the Buchans Highway, in central Newfoundland. The bulk sample will consist of 2,500 tonnes of rock taken from a trench 200 metres long by 10 metres wide. The rock sample will be stockpiled and then trucked to an operating mill near Baie Verte for testing. Stripping and removal of the overburden is anticipated to occur in mid to late October. The total bulk sampling operation will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks to complete and is estimated to be finished by December 2010.

The undertaking was registered on August 26, 2010; public comments are due by September 30, 2010; and, the minister's decision is due by October 10, 2010.

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