#### **Environmental Assessment Bulletin**

The Honourable Terry French, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

### AMENDMENT TO PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

# Houston 1 and 2 Deposits Mining Project(Reg. 1625)Proponent: Labrador Iron Mines Limited(Reg. 1625)

This undertaking does not include the establishment of additional ore processing infrastructure as previously announced on December 22, 2011. The proponent intends to use the existing Silver Yard processing facility for this project.

### UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Labrador West (Block 103) Iron Exploration Project Proponent: Cap-Ex Ventures Ltd.	(Reg. 1596)
Muskrat Falls - Grand River Ironsands Sampling Program Proponent: Grand River Ironsands	(Reg. 1610)

The project is released subject to the following condition:

• No proposed activities are to be completed during caribou calving and post-calving periods (June 5 to July 15) to minimize the impact on the caribou during this sensitive time.

# Forest Management Districts 9 and 16 Five-Year Operating Plan (Reg. 1594) Proponent: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd.

The project is released subject to the following condition:

• The proponent must adhere to harvesting, silviculture and access road construction restrictions as required by the Wildlife Division, Department of Environment and Conservation.

# **Forest Management Districts 5 and 6 Five-Year Operating Plan** (Reg. 1595) **Proponent: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd.**

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- Harvesting operations planned within the Gander River protected area are to be excluded from the operating plan.
- The proponent must adhere to harvesting, silviculture and access road construction restrictions as required by the Wildlife Division, Department of Environment and Conservation.

## **COMPONENT STUDIES REQUIRE FURTHER WORK:**

## Labrador – Island Transmission Link Proponent: Nalcor Energy

(Reg. 1407)

Following public, Aboriginal and governmental review of the following four component studies submitted on July 5, 2011, it has been determined that the proponent needs to provide additional information for review. The component studies include:

- 1) Caribou and Other Large Mammals Component Study
- 2) Furbearers and Small Mammals Component Study
- 3) Marine Environment: Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles and Seabirds Component Study
- 4) Avifauna Component Study

The additional information, when submitted, will be subject to a legislated 35-day public, Aboriginal and governmental review period.

The component studies are available on the Department of Environment and Conservation Web site at:

http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env\_assessment/projects/Y2010/1407/index.html

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