

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SUBMITTED:

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED

Kami Iron Ore Project

(Reg. 1611)

Proponent: Alderon Iron Ore Corp.

Alderon Iron Ore Corp (Alderon) is proposing to develop an open-pit iron ore mine in western Labrador and to build associated infrastructure at Port of Sept-Îles, Quebec. The proposed mine site is located six kilometres south of Wabush Mines in the vicinity of the towns of Wabush, Labrador City and Fermont. The mine site is situated entirely within Labrador and has an approximate area of 7,700 hectares. The project will produce up to 16 million metric tonnes of iron ore concentrate per year that will be transported by existing railway to the Port of Sept-Îles, Quebec.

The proposed project includes construction, operation, rehabilitation and closure of the following primary components: open pit, waste rock disposal areas, processing infrastructure, tailings management facility, ancillary infrastructure to support the mine and processing plant, and a rail transportation component. The project is scheduled to start construction in late 2013 or early 2014.

On October 14, 2011, the proponent registered the Kami Iron Ore Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with the provincial *Environmental Protection Act* and submitted a Project Description pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The proposed project is undergoing a cooperative provincial/federal environmental assessment process

The Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) invite the public to participate in the environmental assessment process. The provincial Department of Environment and Conservation is seeking public comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a document that describes the project and provides an overview of the potential environmental effects of all phases of the project. To facilitate public participation, a summary of the EIS (in both official languages) is available on the Agency's website at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca (registry reference number 64575). The complete EIS is available (in the language in which it was produced) on the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation website at:

www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_assessment/projects/Y2011/1611/index.html (Registration 1611) and on the Agency's website.

Persons submitting comments are asked to use the format for submission of public comments located at:

www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_assessment/projects/Y2011/1611/index.html

Written comments must be received by November 20, 2012. Please send to:

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All comments received will be considered public and will become part of the project file.

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