

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.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Joyce Lake Direct Shipping Iron Ore Project
Proponent: Labec Century Iron Ore

(Reg. 1674)

Labec Century Iron Ore is proposing to develop an iron mine in western Labrador approximately 20 kilometres northeast of the Town of Schefferville, Quebec. The proposed project is situated entirely within Labrador and will produce up to four million metric tonnes of product per year. The first three years of operation would focus on production of direct shipping ore (DSO) which has a high iron content, with stockpiling of lower grade ore that would be beneficiated to bring it up to the desired commercial grade. The ore will be transported to the existing railway owned by Tshiuetin Rail Transportation Inc. for transportation to the Port of Sept-Iles. Components of the mine and mine infrastructure include: an open pit, waste rock disposal, tailings management, processing and support infrastructure, access and haulage roads and a rail loop. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2014 and operations are projected to be completed by 2022 followed by the decommissioning and rehabilitation phases.

The undertaking was registered on October 15, 2012; the deadline for public comments is November 19, 2012; and the minister's decision is due by November 24, 2012.

GUIDELINES ISSUED:

Maritime Transmission Link
Proponent: ENL Maritime Link Inc.

(Reg. 1618)

The minister has issued final Guidelines for the Environmental Assessment (EA) Report for the above undertaking. The Guidelines were developed cooperatively between the Governments of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia. The EA Report will be used to meet the requirements of a federal screening report, Nova Scotia registration document and Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Preview Report (EPR). The proponent is now required to prepare the EA Report and submit the document for review by the Assessment Committee and the public. The Guidelines are available and may be accessed on the Department's website at www.gov.nl.ca/env or by contacting the Co-Chair of the Assessment Committee, Milton Crewe at (709) 637-2375 or e-mail: miltoncrewe@gov.nl.ca.

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