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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW:

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

(Reg. 1674)

The proposed Joyce Lake Direct Shipping Iron Ore Project in Labrador is undergoing a provincial environmental assessment and requires an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The Environmental Assessment Committee has prepared draft EIS Guidelines that identify the information that the proponent must include in its EIS. The Minister is seeking public and aboriginal input into the draft EIS guidelines as required by legislation. The public and aboriginal groups are invited to review the Project and draft EIS Guidelines and provide comments during the review period from **June 4, 2013 to July 15, 2013**. Comments received will be reviewed and considered before the EIS guidelines are finalized and issued to the proponent.

More information on the Project is available on the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation website at: www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_assessment/projects/projects_list.html (Registration 1674).

Written comments must be sent by July 15, 2013 to:

Brenda Rowe, Project EA Chair Department of Environment and Conservation Environmental Assessment Division West Block, Confederation Building PO Box 8700 St. John's NL A1B 4J6 Telephone: 709-729-2553 Fax: 709-729-5518 EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca

Or

John Pennell, Project EA Co-Chair Department of Environment and Conservation Environmental Assessment Division West Block, Confederation Building PO Box 8700 St. John's NL A1B 4J6 Telephone: 709-729-4295 Fax: 709-729-5518 EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca All comments received will be considered public and will become part of the project file.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) is also conducting an environmental assessment of this project under the *CEAA 2012 Act*. Information on the environmental assessment can be found at: http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=80015

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Harbour Arterial Mineral Workings Area Expansion Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

(Reg. 1703)

The project is released subject to the following condition:

• A vegetated, undisturbed buffer must be maintained that will effectively screen quarry operations from view in the area directly adjacent to the Trans Canada Highway.

For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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