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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:

Wabush 3 Open Pit Mine Project in Labrador West(Reg. 1711)Proponent: Iron Ore Company of Canada(Reg. 1711)

The proposed Wabush 3 Open Pit Mine Project in Labrador is undergoing a provincial environmental assessment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. The Environmental Assessment Committee has prepared draft EIS guidelines that identify the information that must be included in the EIS. The public and Aboriginal organizations are invited to review these guidelines and provide written comments by November 12, 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 1711).

Written comments must be submitted by November 12, 2013 to:

Ivy Stone, 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: 709-729-0090 Fax: 709-729-5518 EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca

EIS and AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED:

Kami Iron Ore Project Proponent: Alderon Iron Ore Corp.

(Reg. 1611)

A review has been completed of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted October 1, 2012 and the Amendments submitted February 15, 2013 and June 27, 2013. These documents comply with Part X of the *Environmental Protection Act* (the Act) and the EIS Guidelines dated July 5, 2012 and require no further work. The Minister will now be recommending to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council whether or not this Project can proceed as per Section 67 of the Act, subject to terms and conditions.

For further information on the project, please contact:

Brent Keeping, Project Co-Chair Kami Iron Ore Project Department of Environment and Conservation 4th Floor, West Block, Confederation Complex PO Box 8700 St. John's, NL A1B 4J6 Tel: 709-729-4223 Fax: 709-729-5518 Toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 bkeeping@gov.nl.ca

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Harvest Amendment - Crown Five Year Operating Plan FMD 2,5,7,9 & 14Proponent: Forestry and Agrifoods Agency(Reg. 1717)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- No associated activities with the undertaking shall be permitted from April 15 to July 15.
- Any sightings of the Red Crossbill must be reported to the Wildlife Division of this Department and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

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:

Director, Environmental Assessment Division Department of Environment and Conservation West Block, Confederation Building P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Environmental assessment information is on the department Web site at: <u>http://www.gov.nl.ca/env</u>

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