

Environment and Conservation  
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## **Environmental Assessment Bulletin**

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

### **UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:**

**Howse Property Direct Shipping Ore Mine** (Reg. 1751)  
**Proponent: Howse Minerals Limited**

The proponent proposes to develop the iron ore deposit at Howse Property with support of adjacent infrastructure. The deposit is located in western Labrador 25 kilometres northwest of Schefferville, Quebec, between Irony Mountain, Pinette Lake and the existing Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd. (TSMC) Timmins 4 mine. A conventional open pit drill and blast mining method will be used at the Howse Property. The extracted iron ore will be crushed and screened on-site, hauled by truck to the existing TSMC's Direct Shipping Ore Project rail loop and then shipped by train to Sept-Iles Quebec. The physical works and activities include an open pit (approximately 72 hectares), stockpiles, waste rock dump, a crushing and screening facility, access and haul road and water management infrastructure. The seven to ten month construction period is scheduled to begin in 2016 followed immediately by the operation phase. The mine is expected to be in operation until 2027 with decommissioning and rehabilitation to begin prior to the end of mining operations.

The undertaking was registered on April 2, 2014; the deadline for public comments is May 8, 2014; and the minister's decision is due by May 17, 2014.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES APPROVED**

**Wabush 3 Open Pit Mine Project** (Reg. 1711)  
**Proponent: Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC)**

The minister has approved the final guidelines for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wabush 3 Open Pit Mine Project. The EIS guidelines document identifies the information that the proponent, IOC, will be required to address in order to prepare the EIS.

The EIS Guidelines document is available on the Department of Environment and Conservation website at:

[http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env\\_assessment/projects/Y2013/1711/index.html](http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_assessment/projects/Y2013/1711/index.html)

A copy of the EIS Guidelines document can also be obtained by contacting:

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**UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:**

**St. John's Aquaponics Project** (Reg. 1747)  
**Proponent: Lester's Farm Inc.**

**Newfoundland Transshipment Hebron Expansion Project** (Reg. 1741)  
**Proponent: Newfoundland Transshipment Limited**

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