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

APPEAL OF MINISTER'S DECISION:

Big Triangle Pond Mineral Exploration and Access Road Proponent: Eagleridge International Limited

(Reg. 1725)

On January 27, 2015 it was announced that the minister received an appeal of the decision to release the above noted project from further environmental assessment and that the minister's decision on the appeal was due on March 9, 2015. In light of the Town of Holyrood's decision to deny the proponent's application to construct a road within the town's boundaries, the appeal was placed on hold.

The Town of Holyrood has since approved the proponent's application. The appellants have advised the department that they wish to proceed with their appeal respecting the minister's decision to release the project. The appeal documents, with redactions to protect personal information, can be found on the Environmental Assessment website at: http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env assessment/projects/Y2013/1725/index.html

The deadline for public comments is March 23, 2016.

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