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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

APPEAL COMPLETE:

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

(Reg. 1725)

Pursuant to Section 107 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, the minister has reconsidered the project and considered the appeal documents and input received regarding the appeal. As a result, the original decision has been revised and the minister is requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Big Triangle Pond Mineral Exploration and Access Road project. The EIS is necessary to provide information on, but not limited to: alternative means of carrying out the proposed mineral exploration work; the potential effects of the proposed project on the biophysical environment; and, the social, economic, cultural and aesthetic values of the area to be affected. The minister will issue guidelines to the proponent to assist with the development of the EIS. The public will be invited to review and provide comments on the draft EIS guidelines, which will be posted on the Department of Environment and Conservation web page by July 4, 2016, at the following location:

http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_assessment/projects/Y2013/1725/index.html. Questions about the environmental assessment process can be directed to Brent Keeping, Environmental Assessment Division, at 709-729-4223 or email bkeeping@gov.nl.ca.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Walsh River Bridge Area Quarry Expansion Proponent: Grey Rock Services Inc.

(Reg. 1793)

The project is released subject to the following condition:

 A minimum 30-metre naturally-vegetated buffer must be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.

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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Public comments may be forwarded to EAprojectcomments@gov.nl.ca

Environmental assessment information is on the department website at: http://www.gov.nl.ca/env

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