Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Sherwood North Pit (Reg. 1915)

Proponent: Iron Ore Company of Canada

The proponent plans to develop a new open pit mine as an extension to its existing operations in Labrador West. IOC has been operating the Carol Project in Labrador West since the early 1960's and the Sherwood North Pit (the Project) is an extension of the existing Sherwood Pit, which is part of the Humphrey Main/West/Sherwood mining area. The proposed Sherwood North Pit is situated within IOC's existing mining lease and encompasses approximately 150 hectares of land. Activities associated with the proposed project will involve vegetation/tree clearing, overburden removal and stockpiling, road construction, drilling and blasting, waste rock removal, diversion of surface and ground water and transporting ore to existing on-site facilities for processing. Contractors will be used for the initial pit development and IOC's existing workforce, equipment and infrastructure will be used during the operations phase of the proposed project. The proposed open pit mining operations in the Sherwood North Pit will be carried out as per IOC's existing mining practices. The majority of overburden removed will be used to rehabilitate a historical waste rock pile located adjacently at Steven's Lake, IOC will use ore mined from the Sherwood North Pit to maintain critical production levels until the new Wabush 3 Pit becomes fully operational.

The undertaking was registered on August 1, 2017; the deadline for public comments is September 7, 2017; and the minister's decision is due by September 15, 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT GUIDELINES ISSUED:

Health Science Centre Berm Proponent: Eastern Health

(Reg. 1887)

The minister has approved the final guidelines for the preparation of the environmental preview report (EPR) for the Health Science Centre Berm. The EPR guidelines identify the information that the proponent will be required to include in the EPR. The EPR guidelines document is available on the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment website at:

http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_assessment/projects/Y2017/1887/index.html

Information can be obtained by contacting the Chair of the Assessment Committee, Joanne Sweeney, at (709) 729-2822 or by email at joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Glovertown Area Heritage Farm Proponent: Cindy Chaulk

(Reg. 1895)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30-meter naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.
- The proposed project site is near a red pine stand. The proponent must not cut or damage any red pine in the project area.

Secret Cove Microbrewery

(Reg. 1898)

Proponent: Secret Cove Brewing Company Ltd. and "The Well" Taproom

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