

**Registration Pursuant of Part 10, Environmental Assessment,
Section 49 of the Environmental Assessment Act
June 27, 2002**

- Name of Undertaking:** South Pond Hardwood Amendment (Amendment to Corner Brook Pulp & Paper Five Year Operating Plan. FMD 09 (Springdale) for Operating Period Jan 1, 2001 - December 31, 2005.)
- Proponent:** Department of Forest Resources & Agrifoods
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The Crown, upon approval of this Amendment assume Forest Management responsibilities and monitoring of operations in this area.
- Chief Executive Officer:** Mr. Allan Masters, Deputy Minister, P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook, Nf. A2H 6J8, 637 - 2627
- Contact Person:** Mr. Ivan Downton, Director of Ecosystem Management, P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook, Nf. A2H 6J8, 637 - 2285
- Nature of Undertaking:** Amendment to Corner Brook Pulp and Paper's Five Year Harvesting Plan
- Purpose/Rationale:** To harvest 2400 m³ of hardwood from 140 ha of mature and overmature hardwood stands left from previous softwood operations as outlined on attached map. This amendment is necessary to provide an operating area and employment to a local sawmill and loggers in the Springdale area. This amendment is being submitted by the Forest Service on behalf of the operator seeking to harvest hardwood sawlogs in support of a value added sawmill. A road infrastructure is already in place so no additional road building is planned.
- Geographical Location:** Approximately 7 km east of the community of South Brook along the TCH (see location attached) . National Topographic Series Maps 12H8
- Physical Features:** The topography in the area is undulating with some steep slopes. The hardwood stands to be harvested are all mature and overmature and were left behind when the softwood stands were logged some years ago. These softwood stands are now "greened up" and have regenerated to sufficient stocking levels to be classed as free to grow.

Operation: Conventional 2.5 meter and tree length timber harvesting using forwarder and/or skidder. All operations and buffer requirements will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management and The Forestry Act. Operations will commence upon approval of undertaking and continue yearly until 2005

Occupations: Loggers, equipment operators, truckers and sawmillers

Documents: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Five Year Operating Plan for FMD 09

Schedule: December 2002 - December 2005

Other Comments: Commercial hardwood sawlog and fuelwood operation employing 4-6 people harvesting 800 m³ annually. All access will be by existing primary and secondary forest access roads. There are no known resource conflicts for this area. Larger hardwood logs will be used to make flooring and furniture grade lumber. Material not suitable for sawlogs will be used as fuelwood. Commercial operators will be operating under a Crown land cutting permits and as such will be bound by its conditions. Hardwoods stands are not limited in this area and those wildlife species requiring hardwood habitat should not be constrained by this operation.

Date

Chief Executive Officer