

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Primary Road Change in District 11, South Access Road

PROPONENT:

- (I) Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada, Newfoundland Woodlands
- (II) 7 Mill Road, Grand Falls – Windsor, NL , A2A 2K1
- (III) Woodlands Manager:
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UNDERTAKING:

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada is proposing to redirect approximately 5.4 Kilometers of Primary Road within District 11, near Sandy Lake. Initially, during the Environmental assessment release of the five-year operating plan (2003-2007), approximately 6.9 Kilometers of primary was approved in this area. However, upon further investigation, it was determined this road should be “shifted” in a Southerly direction.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow for proper location of the primary road, which would join into an approved primary road within District 12, and reduce the amount of primary road building by 1.5 Kilometers.

DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:

This proposed primary road amendment will commence at Latitude 48° 39' 30" Longitude 56° 06' 10", and head in a South-Westerly direction to Latitude 48° 39' 10" Longitude 56° 10' 30", where it meets with District 12 boundary.

This new road is approximately 5.4 kilometers in length, which if approved would reduce the amount of primary road construction by 1500 meters from the approved road in Abitibi's current five-year operating plan for District 11 (2002-2007), for this same area.

All conditions associated with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically based forest resource management will be strictly followed. During construction, all fuels will be stored in approved tanks and kept a minimum of 100 meters from any waterbody. There will also be an Environmental Response Kit located near the worksite during all construction phases. As well, under its Forest Environmental Management System (FEMS), which is registered to the ISO 14001 Standard, dedicated Environmental Awareness and proper operating procedures have been delivered to all associated employees involved in various activity such as: road construction, culvert / bridge installation, fuel handling and emergency response.

Operational occupations associated with proposal include:

2 Excavator Operators	1 Crawler Tractor Operator
2 Truck Drivers	1 Production Foreman
1 Logging Superintendent	

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada, Newfoundland Woodlands, will obtain proper stream crossing approvals from the Department of Fisheries & Oceans, Department of Environment (Water Resources Division), and if required Canadian Coast Guard (Navigable Waters Protection Act), for all water crossings identified on a 1:50,000 Topographic map, or streams that are greater than one meter in width.

As well, a copy of this proposal is sent to the Department of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (District 11) in Bishop Falls for inclusion into Abitibi-Consolidated's Annual Work Schedule for 2003, when released from further Environmental Assessment.

SCHEDULE:

It is anticipated that Right-of-Way harvesting and subsequent road construction will commence on June 01, 2003.