

**NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

District 05, Forest Harvesting

**PROPONENT:**

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**UNDERTAKING:**

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada is proposing to amend the current Five-Year Operating Plan (2002-2006) to conduct its forest harvesting activity near the Traverse Brook area in Forest Management District 05. This proposed amendment covers approximately 406 hectares, representing approximately 46,400 cubic meters of productive alienated stands, which consists of approximately 95 % Black Spruce and 5 % Balsam Fir.

This proposed amendment area is located at Latitude 49<sup>0</sup> 05' 30" Longitude 54<sup>0</sup> 25' 00", on Topographic Map 2E/1 (Wier's Pond), and its purpose is to allow for a sustainable harvest in Forest Management District 05, which maximizes the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) levels for the current planning period in each category of base, partition and alienated stands.

### **DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:**

Abitibi-Consolidated is proposing to harvest both the mature and over-mature softwood species inside the proposed harvest boundary for either the production of sawlogs or pulpwood. As well, if the demand exists, Abitibi-Consolidated is also proposing to allow the harvest of Birch or Trembling Aspen species for commercial purposes.

All conditions associated with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically based forest resource management will be strictly followed. During harvesting, 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 Forwarder Operators  
2 Truck Drivers

2 Harvester Operators  
1 Contractor / Foreman

### **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 for any future proposed operational roads.

As well, a copy of this proposal is sent to the Department of Forest Resources & Agrifoods (District 05) in Gander for inclusion into Abitibi-Consolidated's Annual Work Schedule for 2003, when released from further Environmental Assessment.

### **SCHEDULE:**

It is anticipated that harvesting will commence in either late fall 2003 or during early winter of 2004.