

**NAME OF UNDERTAKING:**

Proposed Harvest Operating Area in District 10, Joes Lake East (2004-A10-03)

**PROPONENT:**

- (I) Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada, Newfoundland Woodlands
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**UNDERTAKING:**

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada is proposing to harvest approximately 27,700 cubic meters of mature volume, representing approximately 275.0 hectares. This proposed harvest is scheduled to take place over a two-year period, with approximately 21, 500 m<sup>3</sup> scheduled for 2004 and the remainder for year 2005.

To adequately access the merchantable timber, Newfoundland Woodlands is also proposing to upgrade approximately 17.0 Kilometers of operational road.

**DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:**

As part of Newfoundland Woodlands commitment to sustainable forest management, we are attempting to meet targets outlined by the Department of Forest Resources & Agrifoods under the current planning period (2001-2005) for base, partition, and alienated volumes. As a result, this harvest is intended to “clean-up” small fragmented and residual stands of merchantable timber. Largely, over a two-year period, this proposal should see the harvest of approximately 9,120 m<sup>3</sup> of mature partition stands, 15,200 m<sup>3</sup> of mature alienated stands, and 3,450 m<sup>3</sup> of mature base stands. This proposed area is located near Joes Lake within Forest Management District 10 on Forest Inventory Maps 06214 & 06224 or Topo Map 12 H/1.

To maintain a proper viewscape for nearby cabins, harvest operations will be conducted using a landscape approach to forest management, where a 100 meter no-cut buffer will be implemented along the east side of Joe’s Lake. As well, Abitibi-Consolidated intends to only harvest the mature and overmature merchantable timber and leave the remaining hardwood component. In our efforts to maintain the hardwood component, Newfoundland Woodlands has no intention of issuing commercial or private fuelwood permits within this area.

All conditions associated with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically based forest resource management will be strictly followed. During harvest operation, 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 operational 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:

20 Manual Loggers	1 Grader Operator	2 Field Technicians
2 Truck Drivers	1 Production Foreman	1 Excavator Operator
1 Forwarder Operator	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 (Forest Management District 10) in Bishop Falls for inclusion into Abitibi-Consolidated’s Annual Work Schedule for 2004, when released from further Environmental Assessment.

**SCHEDULE:**

It is anticipated that the upgrade of the road and subsequent harvest would commence on or near May 01, 2004.