

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Proposed Harvest Operating Area in Forest Management District 12, Warfords (2004-AM12-06).

PROPONENT:

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

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada is proposing to harvest a total of approximately 15,970 cubic meters of mature timber, representing approximately 126.7 hectares, within two harvest areas. This proposed harvest is outside the current five-year operating plan for Forest Management District 12, and upon proper approvals, will be scheduled for harvest during the summer / fall of 2004.

To adequately access the merchantable timber, Newfoundland Woodlands is also proposing to construct approximately 3.6 Kilometers of new 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. The two proposed harvest areas are comprised of mature Forest; consisting of approximately 80% Black Spruce and 20% Balsam Fir. As well, this proposed amendment is comprised of both base and alienated stands.

As indicated on the attached map, this proposed harvest area is located within Forest Management District 12 on Forest Inventory Map 073 or Topo Map 12 A/5.

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. As well, a 20-meter no harvest buffer will be located around all ponds and streams located within the proposed harvest area. 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:

8 Mechanical Harvester Operators	1 Excavator Operator	2 Field Technicians
4 Truck Drivers	1 Production Foreman	
4 Forwarder Operators	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 12) in Springdale for inclusion into Abitibi-Consolidated's Annual Work Schedule for 2004, when released from further Environmental Assessment.

SCHEDULE:

It is anticipated that the construction of roads and subsequent harvest would commence on or near September 15, 2004.