

## **Registration for Proposed Mussel Processing Facility**

### **PROPONENT:**

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### **THE UNDERTAKING:**

(i) **Nature of the Undertaking:**

SABRI intends to start up a processing facility to process cultured mussels from approved aquaculture sites. The project will consist of placing new processing equipment in an existing 33 ½ x 32 ½ building. This building has concrete footing and floors, and painted wood walls and was approved in the past for processing of herring and mackerel.

Live mussels will be harvested from approved sites and landed at the facility by boat. It will then be taken and dumped into the uplift hopper and fed through the declumper/grader and debysser. The clean mussels will then be weighed and packed into mesh bags (or fish tubs for bulk orders) ready for the buyers.

(ii) **Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking:**

This facility will increase the viability of the mussel growers in the area and supply the Northern Peninsula with a fresh supply of live mussels.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:**

### **(i) Geographical Location:**

The proposed mussel processing facility will be located in Griquet, Newfoundland. We are currently leasing the property with steps being taken for purchase. A drawing of the property is attached in the appendix

### **(ii) Physical Features:**

The facility is an existing 33 ½' x 32 ½' concrete and wood building. A scaled drawing for the building is attached. The building is located at the waters edge with an existing wharf. There is also a road access as it is located off the main street of town.

### **(iii) Construction:**

As this is an existing there will be no actual construction the only aspects to take care of are some electrical work and equipment installation. Which we hope to start as soon as possible.

### **(iv) Operation:**

As previously stated the operation will consist of equipment that will declump, grade and debyss the mussels. We expect that this facility will be there for the long term provided there is the demand for the mussels. However, overtime we may expand if the demand grows.

All equipment associated with the operation will be well maintained and inspected regularly. This equipment and process will have no source of pollutants. Equipment will be the basic components required in a standard primary processing line.

The owners of the plant, ie. SABRI are also the owners of three of the mussel farms in the area and are therefore committed to keeping this facility operational. We hope to be operational as soon as possible as this years season is winding down for us and we were hoping to sell some mussels this year. The season for us will be ending in November.

The goal for our plant is to supply the Northern Peninsula and area of Labrador with a constant supply of fresh, live mussels. This area has a vast number of restaurants and is a well known tourists destination, therefore, we feel that we will have no problem achieving this goal.

There are no potential causes of resource conflicts that we are aware of.

(v) **Occupations:**

Since the building is already existing the only occupations left for the construction and preparation side are the electricians. Once operational we will have a manager, 3 farm/plant workers and the booking keeping will be completed by SABRI's Assistant Executive Director. This will be the starting jobs however once we get started and process regularly we anticipate hiring additional people.

**APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING**

The following is a list of permits and authorizations that may be necessary for the proposed project.

- Release of the Undertaking under the Environmental Assessment Provisions of the Environmental Protection Act, Department of Environment and Conservation
- Approval of processing Licence (see attached letter from the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture dated June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005, signed by Minister Taylor)

**SCHEDULE:**

As no construction is necessary we will be ready to start as early as the 19<sup>th</sup> of September as this will be when our equipment can be ready. There is no end date as to when we can start, however, in order to make any sales this year we will need to be started before the end of October 2005. If not we will have to wait until May of 2006.

**FUNDING:**

N/A