

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Proposed Harvest Operating Areas in Forest Management District 12, Denny's Pond & Michaels Area
(2005-AM12-08).

PROPONENT:

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UNDERTAKING:

Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada is proposing to harvest a total of approximately 107, 400 cubic meters of mature to over-mature timber, representing approximately 832 hectares, within two proposed 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 2006, and the winter of 2007. To adequately access the merchantable timber within both areas, Newfoundland Woodlands is also proposing to construct a total approximately 11.9 Kilometers of new operational road and upgrade approximately 11.3 Kilometers of existing road.

It is our intention to harvest the Michaels area with a manual / mechanical logging operation during late summer to fall 2006. In total within this area, there is approximately 8, 100 cubic meters of overmature timber, representing approximately 74 hectares. As well, there are 2.8 Km's of existing road upgrade proposed.

With respect to the Denny's Pond area, it is our intention to commence harvesting operations by mid-summer to fall of 2006 and continue harvesting activity in this general area over the winter of 2007. In total within this area, there are approximately 99, 300 cubic meters of mature and overmature timber, representing approximately 758 hectares. As well, there are 11.9 Km's of new operational road and 8.5 Km's of existing road upgrade proposed.

DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:

The two proposed harvest areas are comprised of overmature to mature forest; consisting of approximately 85% Black Spruce and 15% Balsam Fir. As indicated on the attached map, the proposed harvest for Denny's Pond and Michael's areas are located within Forest Management District 12 on Topographic Maps 12 A/10 & 12A/16, respectively.

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 riparian zone 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

5 Truck Drivers

5 Forwarder Operators

2 Excavator Operators

2 Production Foremen

2 Logging Superintendents

3 Field Technicians

20 Manual Loggers

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. Where applicable during short harvest seasons, portable bridges will be utilized.

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, when released from further Environmental Assessment.

SCHEDULE:

It is anticipated that the construction of roads and subsequent harvest would commence on or near July 31, 2006.