

**REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

Name of Undertaking: Amendment to the Forest Management District 8, Crown Five Year Operating Plan (2003-08): Lewisporte Protected Public Water Supply Area

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The Undertaking: (i) Nature of Undertaking

Amendment to the Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 8 (April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2008) for timber harvesting and road construction.

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

This amendment is required to provide additional harvesting opportunities for District 8 Crown operators. The additional allocation is required to sustain sawmilling operations during the remaining years of this five year plan. The harvest volume will fall within the sustainable harvest levels (i.e., AACs) that have been calculated for the District.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 8, the Exploits Bay FMD, generally extends north of the Trans Canada Highway from the Town of Glenwood and is bounded by the Gander River in the east, and extends west to the Town of Botwood, then northwesterly to the Town of Leading Ticks, bounded by Seal Bay Brook. It also includes all of the islands in Exploits Bay. The amendment area is located within the Protected Public Water Supply Area of the Town of Lewisporte. The attached 1:50,000 topographic map outlines the area.

(ii) Physical Features

The proposed operating area encompasses approximately 185 ha of productive forest stands within a total area of approximately 245 ha. The targeted stands in the operating area are generally over-mature stands of black spruce and white birch. The intent is to harvest approximately 7,500 m³ of merchantable softwood (primarily black spruce) and 1,500 m³ of hardwood (primarily white birch) over a one year period. The area has been partially harvested in the past by domestic cutters. No existing road network exists in the operating area. The operating area will be accessed by connecting to the access road networks which originate from the Milord's Arm Operating Area to the north.

(iii) Operation

(a) Road Development/ Reconstruction/
Decommissioning:

3.5 km of road will be constructed to either a primary or secondary standard. Road construction will be done with excavators and some manual labour. The road construction component will create approximately 8 person weeks of employment. Once the harvesting and subsequent silvicultural activities have been completed, the road will be decommissioned

(b) Harvesting

These are integrated sawlog/pulpwood harvesting operations. The timber will be felled, delimbed, bucked and forwarded to roadside using a mechanical harvesting system. These operations will create approximately 13 person weeks of employment and help sustain approximately 55 year round sawmilling jobs.

(iv) Occupations

There will be approximately six equipment operators, and a foreman employed in this area over a fifteen week period, covering all aspects of the operations.

(v) Project Related Documents

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 8 Five-Year Operating Plan, released November 6, 2003.

Approval of the Undertaking:

- (i) Commercial operating permits from the District 8 (Lewisporte) Forest Management Office.
- (ii) Certificate of Approval for forestry operations within a PPSWA from the Department of Environment and Conservation's Water Resources Division.
- (iii) Approval from the Town of Lewisporte.

Schedule:

The Newfoundland and Labrador Forest Service

requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment and Conservation receives the completed registration form.

Date

**Chief Executive Officer
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