

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Proposed Harvest Operating Area in Forest Management District 11, Sandy Lake Area
(2005-AM11-17).

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 24, 400 cubic meters of mature to over-mature timber, representing approximately 213 hectares. This proposed harvest is outside the current five-year operating plan for Forest Management District 11 and upon proper approvals, will be scheduled for harvest during the winter of 2007. To adequately access the merchantable timber within this amendment area, Newfoundland Woodlands is also proposing to construct a total approximately 5.0 Kilometers of new operational road.

With respect to our operational activity, it is our intention to commence right-of-way harvesting and road construction upon release from further assessment (anticipated by late Fall 2006). Then, begin mechanical harvesting operations in January 2007.

DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:

This proposed harvest area is comprised of overmature to mature forest; consisting of approximately 92% Black Spruce and 8% Balsam Fir. As indicated on the attached map, the proposed harvest is located within Forest Management District 11 on Topographic Map 2A/9.

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	2 Excavator Operators	2 Field Technicians
5 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. Where applicable during short harvest seasons, portable bridges will be utilized.

As well, a copy of this proposal is sent to the Department of Natural Resources (Forest Management District 11) in Bishop's Falls for inclusion into Abitibi-Consolidated's Annual Work Schedule for 2005 & 2006, when released from further Environmental Assessment.

SCHEDULE:

It is anticipated that the construction of roads and subsequent harvest would commence on or near November 01, 2006.