

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

Name of Undertaking: Forest Management District 17 and Forest Management District 18 (Planning Zone 8) Five Year Operating Plan 2008-2012

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The Undertaking: (i) Nature of Undertaking

To conduct forestry activities (timber harvesting, silviculture and road construction) from 2008 to 2012 on Crown land in Forest Management Districts 17 and 18 (Planning Zone 8).

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

This undertaking will enable the Department of Natural Resources to harvest approximately 270 000 m³ of timber, construct approximately 50 kilometers of primary forest access road and complete silviculture activities in District 17; and harvest approximately 650 000 m³ of timber, construct approximately 180 kilometers of primary forest access road and complete silviculture activities in District 18.

This undertaking is necessary to maintain the existing commercial timber industry and allow domestic harvest for home heating.

Description of Undertaking: (i) Geographic Location

Forest Management Districts 17 and 18 encompass the majority of the Great Northern Peninsula. They commence at the northern boundary of Gros Morne National Park on the western side of the peninsula and at Great Cat Arm on the eastern side of the peninsula. The districts share and overlap common eco-region characteristics and for forest management purposes have been combined to form Planning Zone 8. The overview and operational maps in the plan outline the general and exact locations of the zone.

(ii) Physical Features

This registration encompasses most of the Northern Peninsula with topography ranging from coastal lowlands to rolling uplands to the Long Range Mountains.

(iii) Operation

Commercial harvesting will be carried out with mechanical shortwood harvesters and forwarders, and domestic harvesting will be done by chainsaw with extraction by snowmobile and ATV. Roads will be constructed using excavators and/or bulldozers and silviculture will be carried out using brushsaws, pottiputkis, and shovels. All operations and buffer requirements will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection

Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management and *The Forestry Act*. Operations will commence upon approval of undertaking and continue yearly until 2012.

(iv) Occupants

Loggers, equipment operators, truckers, sawmillers, silviculture workers and domestic cutters.

Approval of the Undertaking:

Commercial and domestic cutting permits as well as operating permits will be required from the District 17 and 18 Forest Management Offices at Port Saunders and Roddickton.

Schedule:

This plan is scheduled to commence on January 1, 2008 and end on December 31, 2012.

Date

Chief Executive Officer