

NAME OF UNDERTAKING:

Proposed Commercial Harvest of non-pulpwood species in Forest Management District 11, Lemottes Area
(2008-AM11-08).

PROPONENT:

- (I) AbitibiBowater, Newfoundland Woodlands
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UNDERTAKING:

AbitibiBowater is proposing to harvest a total of approximately 1,000 cubic meters of non-pulpwood species, representing approximately 70 hectares. This area was previously harvested by AbitibiBowater during the previous five-year plan (2003-2007) for pulpwood to supply the Grand Falls-Windsor Mill.

This proposed harvest area (outlined by the black boundary on attached map) is outside the current five-year operating plan for Forest Management District 11 for commercial fuelwood areas. Upon proper approvals, it is AbitibiBowater's intention to allow a private contractor (Terry's Trucking Ltd.) to harvest the residual hardwoods within this proposed boundary. Terry's Trucking Ltd., will also utilize current road structure already established to gain access to the residual hardwood areas within this proposal.

This is an area where Terry's Trucking Ltd. was harvesting commercial fuelwood during the past five-year plan (2003-2007), but due to some oversight, was omitted from the current five-year plan for Forest Management District 11 (2008-2012). Approval of this proposal would allow this contractor an opportunity for continued operations, while sufficiently cleaning-up the general area.

DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING:

The proposed harvest area for residual hardwood is comprised of mature forest; consisting of approximately 95% white birch and 5% Larch. As indicated on the attached map, the proposed harvest area is located within Forest Management District 11 on Topographic Map 2 D/13 (7533).

All conditions associated with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically based forest resource management will be strictly followed. During harvest operation, Terry's Trucking Ltd. will ensure all fuels are stored in approved tanks and kept a minimum of 100 meters from any waterbody. As well, 20-meter riparian zones will be located around all ponds and streams located within the proposed harvest area. Terry's Trucking Ltd. will also be responsible to have an Environmental Response Kit located near the worksite during all operational phases.

Operational occupations associated with proposal include:

1 Mechanical Harvester	1 Truck	1 Forwarder	1 Supervisor/Foreman
3-5 Manual Loggers			

APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING:

A copy of this proposal has been sent to the Department of Natural Resources (Forest Management District 11) in Bishop Falls for inclusion into AbitibiBowater's Annual Work Schedule for 2008, when released from further Environmental Assessment.

SCHEDULE:

It is anticipated that Terry's Trucking Ltd. will commence harvesting of residual hardwoods as soon as the plan is released from further assessment and appropriate approvals are obtained from the Department of Natural Resources.