

**REGISTRATION FORM  
PURSUANT TO PART X, SECTION 49 OF  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (2002)**

- Name of Undertaking:** District 1 Commercial Cutting Amendment (Amendment to Forest Management Districts 1 Crown Five Year Operating Plan: 2007-11).
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- Nature of Undertaking:** Amendment to Forest Management District 1 Crown Five Year Operating Plan (2007-11)
- Purpose/Rationale:** The purpose of this amendment is to maintain and provide a commercial forest resource to support and sustain the forest industry and commercial operators in Forest Management District 1.
- The operating area is 318 ha and contains balsam fir – black spruce forest types of pre-dominantly age class four. Site classes are predominantly medium with some poor. Harvesting will provide a long term sustainable wood supply to the local forest industry and commercial operators in the local area.

This amendment will result in the addition of the Old Witless Bay Line Operating Area into the current Crown Five Year Operating Plan for District 1 which will expire on December 31, 2011.

It is projected that over the remaining two years of the five year plan, approximately 1,100 m<sup>3</sup> or 15-20 ha per annum will be commercially harvested for a total consumption over the period of 2,200 m<sup>3</sup> or 30-40 ha in the area under amendment. It is anticipated the operating area will be carried forward into the next five year operating plan. There is no new road construction associated with this amendment. Forest stands will be silviculturally treated post harvest using a combination of site preparation and planting.

**Geographic Location:** Forest Management District 1 encompasses the Avalon Peninsula of insular Newfoundland and Labrador. The total area is 9,640 km<sup>2</sup> and contains 82 communities. The Avalon FMD extends as far west as come by chance and heading east encompasses the Cape Shore, Baie De Verde, Southern Shore, and Northeast Avalon Peninsulas. The amendment area is located on the Old Witless Bay Line. The nearest community is Bay Bulls.

**Physical Features:** The amendment area encompasses a total area of approximately 318 ha. The area contains mixed softwood forest comprised of Black Spruce and Balsam Fir. Hardwood stands are a small component of the area but do exist in small stands/patches throughout. These stands are mature and at a commercially operable age. The topography of the area varies from flat to undulating and hilly.

**Operation:** Small scale commercial harvesting will be conducted in the amendment area, with a low amount of volume/area being harvested annually. Harvest operations can be conducted in all seasons. Timber removal will be completed by a single grip harvester and forwarder.

**Occupations:** Operations in this area will provide approximately 52 man years of employment over the life of the operating area (est. 5-7 years)

**Documents:** Forest Management Districts 1 Crown Five Year Operating Plan (2007-11).

**Schedule:** Commercial harvest activities will commence upon approval and continue until the end of December, 2011.

**Other Comments:** This amendment will allow the harvest of commercial forest to benefit commercial operators in Forest Management District 1. Although a large area is proposed in the amendment, it will be harvested at a small scale, completed over a number of years.

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