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Registration 1842

Mr. Peter Marsh
Owner/Operator, RPM Construction
261 Grenfell Heights
Grand Falls-Windsor NL A2A 2J2

Dear Mr. Marsh:

RE: First Pond Gravel Quarry

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment with the following conditions:

- Where applicable, a minimum 30 m naturally vegetated buffer shall be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. This buffer shall not be used to stockpile overburden;
- To minimize habitat disturbance to birds and small mammals, any necessary vegetation clearing or excessive noise should be undertaken outside of the nesting, breeding and brood rearing period (May to mid-July), when disturbance would be most critical.

Please note that a permit may be required from Service NL, Government Service Centre in accordance with the *Urban and Rural Planning Act* for the construction of an access road in a protected area, or for any access onto a protected road. In addition, a tree screen of 30 m is to be maintained between the highway right-of-way and this property and that any existing tree screen concealing the operation from public view is to be maintained.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. You may also refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licences and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business.

You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador

(CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at www.canadabusiness.gc.ca. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or via email at clearyb@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



PERRY TRIMPER, MHA
District of Lake Melville
Minister

Attachments