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Mr. Robert Sutton
Forestry and Agrifoods Agency
PO Box 1200
Northwest River NL AOK 1M0

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Re: Crown District 19 Five-Year Plan (2013-2017) - Amendment

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 review.

Please be advised that subject to comments by the Water Resources Management Division on the original registration # 1678, the proponent and its contractors must apply for and obtain a permit under the *Water Resources Act*, 2002, specifically Section 48 for any work in any body of water (including wetland) prior to the start of construction. Contact: Dr. Abdel-Zaher Kamal Abdel-Razek, Manager, Water Rights and Investigations Section (709) 729-4795.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Natural Resources advised that the proposed domestic cutting area overlaps with a number of active quarry sites and recommended that wood harvesters be informed of the presence of active quarries and warned about possible hazards such as steep drops associated with quarrying. Also, wood harvesters must not interfere with quarry operations or quarry-related traffic.

The Energy Branch of the Department of Natural Resources advised that the mapping provided in the registration document indicates that the project overlaps with the proposed Lower Churchill Project Transmission Line. Please see the attached Google earth link for the location of the site and the following link to the Lower Churchill Project Transmission Line Routes: <http://weather.amec.com/nalcor-LCPTR>. Due to the close proximity, it is recommended that the proponent consult with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro regarding the potential land use conflict as the proposal does not indicate whether any such consultation has occurred to date.

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. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry Trimper".

PERRY TRIMPER, MHA
District of Lake Melville
Minister

cc Attachment
Mr. Ivan Downton