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Mr. Francis Skeard, Director
Department of Fisheries and Land Resources
Forest Ecosystem Management
P.O. Box 2006
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Dear Mr. Skeard:

RE: Crown Zone 5 Five-Year Operating Plan Lake Ambrose North Amendment (2016-2022)

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. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment, subject to the following condition:

- You must maintain a 30-metre buffer around wetland areas, maintain the hydrologic function of nearby wetlands, and direct any runoff from development away from wetlands.

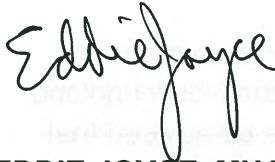
Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment it is still subject to other legislative requirements and government policies. The Office of Climate Change notes that forest management is directly related to climate change and deforestation can foster the release of sequestered carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Responsible forest management can serve to mitigate the impacts of harvesting timber. In addition, all heavy duty equipment used in logging, extraction, quarrying and road construction should be operated in a manner to maximize fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that, in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, activities such as land clearing should be avoided during the regional nesting period. The breeding season for most birds within the project area occurs between April 15 and August 15 for landbirds, and April 1 through August 30 for seabirds.

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 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 Dr. Susan Squires, Director of Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or email susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Attachment