

NOV 21 2017

File # 2.7139.0188
Reg. #1932

Mr. Sam Elliott
St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc.
PO Box 69
St. Anthony NL A0K 4S0

Dear Mr. Elliott:

RE: St. Lunaire-Griquet Iceberg Trail Development – Registration 1932

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 conditions:

- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30 metre undisturbed vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.
- To avoid adverse effects to breeding birds in this area, the proponent must avoid land clearing activities during the breeding season from April 1st to August 30th.
- The threatened moss species Porsild's Bryum (*Haplodontium macrocarpum*) may inhabit areas in or adjacent to the project footprint. The proponent must contact the Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources prior to the start of trail development to ensure that the trail establishment adheres to protection and recovery (http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=1262) requirements for this species and that on the ground personnel comply with the Newfoundland and Labrador Endangered Species Act (NLESA) and the Species at Risk Act (SARA).
- The proponent must provide the details of signage for trail users to the Department of Transportation and Works, including information and warning for review and compliance with national standards, prior to the start of construction.
- The proponent must provide a maintenance plan including traffic control operations and safe work practices for trails adjacent to roadways on shoulders to the Department of Transportation and Works for review and approval, prior to the start of construction.

The Water Resources Management Division of this department requires you to apply for and obtain permits to develop adjacent to or inside Lookout Brook Protected Public Water Supply Area and for any work in any body of water (including wetland) including, but not limited to, culverts, bridges and diversions. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-4048 for development within a Protected Public Water Supply Area and (709) 729-2295 for information on work in bodies of water.

The Department of Natural Resources advises that the trail overlaps a number of recently staked mineral licenses. The proponent is advised that mineral exploration is a land use that can be expected in the general area in the future. The proponent and other land users shall respect the right of holders of mineral licenses to conduct mineral exploration within the area of their mineral licenses. For further information, please contact the Department of Natural Resources at (709) 729-6447.

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advise that a commercial cutting permit is required prior to any harvesting or timber removal activity. They also advise that an Operating Permit must be obtained for activities during the declared fire season from May 1st to September 30th. For further information, please contact the Roddickton District Office at (709) 457-2787

The Climate Change Branch of this department suggests coastal erosion and sea level changes be considered. For further information, please contact the Newfoundland and Labrador Geological Survey at (709) 729-3489 for coastal erosion information and (709) 729-3419 for sea level change information.

The Provincial Archaeology Office advises that there are known archaeological sites in areas along the trail that are protected under the *Historic Resources Act*. These sites are not to be disturbed in any way and the collection of artifacts is prohibited. The PAO will have signs created which indicate this and they are to be installed at each end of the trail. For further information, please contact the Provincial Archaeology Office at (709) 729-2462.

The Department of Transportation and Works requires permits to access highways, details on signage along highways and a maintenance plan, including any potential traffic control operations and safe work practices for trails adjacent to roadways on shoulders. For further information, please contact the Department of Transportation and Works at (709) 729-5493.

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

Sincerely,



EDDIE JOYCE, MHA
District of Humber-Bay of Islands
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment

Cc. Christopher Mitchelmore, MHA
District of St. Barbe L'Anse aux Meadows