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Reg. #2094

Mr. Clifford Vincent
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Dear Mr. Vincent:

Re: Noel Paul Steady Access Road and Bridge – Registration 2094

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of 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:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
 - no vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200m buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division;
 - a minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer must be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000 topo map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat;
 - all timber on the proposed site must be removed using a harvester and is not to be bulldozed as stated in the environmental assessment registration document;
 - a digital file of the access trail, once established, must be submitted to the Forestry and Wildlife Branch of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture;

- an Environmental Protection Plan must be submitted to the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture for review and approval prior to project construction. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 709-637-2025; and,
 - a Crown Lands application must be submitted for the lodge and a Notice of Intent must be published in the Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette. For further information, please contact the nearest Crown Lands office at 1-833-891-3249.
- You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when each of the conditions of release has been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
 - You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required by me. Please email your project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that you are required to obtain a Commercial Cutting Permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal in the area. In addition, you must obtain an Operating Permit prior to the start of any work during the forest fire season, and a permit to burn if igniting a fire with 300 metres of forest land during forest fire season. Permits can be obtained at your local forest management district office.

The Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities advises that permits are required to alter a body of water, for any work in any body of water (including wetland), any work in Shore Water Zones, and any infilling work within fifteen (15) metres of a body of water. In addition, you are advised that proof of land ownership is required for the bridge location, and any effluent or runoff leaving the site will be required to conform to the requirements of the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations*, 2003. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729- 2563.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that the change in accessibility of the site will require that you must submit and receive approval from Service NL for plans and specifications for an approved sewage disposal system. Systems less than 4546 litres must be in conformance with the Sanitation Regulations and Private Sewage Disposal and Water Supply Standards and prepared by an approved designer. Also, any fuel storage tank system installations other than those connected to a heating appliance of a capacity of 2,500 litres or less are subject to the Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations and will require registration

prior to installation. In addition, any buildings associated with the project may require review and approval of electrical plans, and compliance with fire and life safety and building accessibility requirements. For further information on approvals, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 292-4206 or (709) 292-4259.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that you ensure that activities associated with this undertaking, as well as the hunting lodge operation (including those of contractors) are conducted in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its Regulations OHS Act. The Occupational Health and Safety Division further advises you to consider procedures related to the protection of workers related to COVID-19. Procedures must follow the requirements set forth by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Transport Canada advises that the proposed project appears to be in navigable waters not listed on the schedule. Under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act, owners of works that are located on navigable waterways not listed in the schedule, which may interfere with navigation, have the option to either apply to the Minister of Transport for approval, or seek authorization through the public resolution process. Both the application process and the public resolution process can be accessed at the following link: <https://wwwapps.tc.gc.ca/Prog/3/NWAR-RLEN-E/en/Account/Login>. For further information, please contact the Navigation Protection Program at (506) 851-3113.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that you refer to the "Projects Near Water" website located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html> for information about how to comply with the *Fisheries Act* and on the project review process. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. However, as some species protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) do nest outside of this period, it is your responsibility to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the MCBA and associated regulations. Environment and Climate Change Canada requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped. For further information, please contact (709) 772-2126.

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.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If your project has not commenced within this three year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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Minister

Enclosures

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