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Reg. #2002

Peter Noer
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Email: office@vikingfur.ca

Dear Peter Noer:

RE: Cavendish Beef Farm EIS Review

I am pleased to inform you that under the authority of Section 67(3) (a) of the **Environmental Protection Act SNL 2002**, cE-14.2, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has released the Cavendish Beef Farm from further environmental assessment, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. You shall adhere to all mitigation, monitoring and commitments stated in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted on March 25, 2022.
- b. You shall submit an Odour Control Management Plan (OCMP) for all applicable farming construction and operations activities, for the Minister's approval, prior to the start of forage and pasture land construction. The OCMP shall describe odour sources, mitigations, public consultation and methods for compliant reporting and resolution. You must consult with the Departments of Environment and Climate Change and Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and Digital Government and Service NL for further details in the development of this OCMP.
- c. You shall submit an Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) for all applicable farming construction and operations activities, for the Minister's approval, prior to the start of forage and pasture land construction. The EPP shall describe the environmental protection and mitigation measures that will be applied throughout the life of the Project to avoid or minimize potential negative effects on the environment associated with the Project, and will be updated by the Proponent as needed.
- d. You shall submit an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan (EEMP) with a Follow-up Plan for the monitoring of effects from the farm for the Minister's approval, prior to the start of operations. Viking Fur Inc. must consult with the Departments of Environment

and Climate Change and Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and Digital Government and Service NL for further details in the development of this EEMP.

- e. You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have 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.
- f. You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, 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. Please email your project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department advises that if pesticide use is required, the applicator must be licenced for the class of pesticide that is intended to be applied. Any pesticide or herbicide use must be in accordance with the Pesticide Control Regulations. For more information, please contact the Pesticide Control Section at (709) 729-6054 or (709) 729-2565.

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that a Water Use License is required under the **Water Resources Act** for the water holes in the pasturelands. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1671.

The Government Service Centre (GSC) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that a certificate of approval may be required before a livestock operation with five or more animal units can be put into operation. The GSC further advises that manure shall not be spread or stored within 30 metres of the nearest waterbody/watercourse or within 75 metres of any well or water supply used for drinking water purposes. A 30-metre buffer zone is required between agricultural land and any watercourse or water body, and a 30-metre tree screen is to be maintained between the highway right-of-way and this property. For more information, please contact the GSC at (709) 729-3699.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) advises that you are required to follow the Environmental Guidelines for Livestock Producers. FFA also advises that if you wish to build a structure on agriculture-leased Crown land, written approval from the Land Management Division is required. The local Forestry Office should be consulted for applicable permits (i.e. cutting, operating and burning) prior to the start of work. For further information, please contact FFA at (709) 637-2353.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that you avoid scheduling high disturbance activities, such as vegetation clearing, during the regional nesting period for migratory birds. The breeding season for most birds within the Project area occurs between April 15 and August 15. The Canadian Wildlife Service of the ECCC requests that species-at-risk sightings be reported to ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.gc.ca. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 777-4221.

Please be advised that the Environmental Protection Plans and Environmental Effects Monitoring Plans are subject to Cost Recovery as per fee policy at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/fees/>.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other 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 significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, my decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced the Project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the term of my decision for a maximum of three periods of one year. Should the term of my decision expire, the Project will have to be registered again for environmental assessment, if you wish to proceed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in the environmental assessment process. If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or email ioannesweenev@gov.nl.ca or Eric Watton, Chair of the Project Environmental Assessment Committee, at (709) 729-0834 or email ericwatton@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bernard Davis", written over a horizontal line.

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters – Pleasantville
Minister

Enclosures

Cc: The Honourable Steve Crocker, MHA –Carbonear – Trinity- Bay de Verde