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Reg. # 2138

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Dear Kent Fudge:

RE: Wooddale Area Vegetable and Forage Production

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.
- 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. 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 Climate Change Branch of my Department notes that the all heavy duty equipment used in the construction phase of this project should be operated in a manner to maximize fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change. For further information, please contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485.

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department advises you to review the changes in the registration status of the active ingredient “chlorothalonil” in the pesticide “Bravo,” which is proposed for use at the project site. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782 or email susannetilley@gov.nl.ca.

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department requires you to obtain permits for the following activities prior to the start of construction: any work in any body of water (including wetland), and alteration of a body of water for the development of ditching and settling ponds within the wetland area. The Water Resources Management Division advises that, should the construction of a well be required for irrigation, you must obtain a Permit for Constructing a Non-Domestic Well (for drilled wells) and follow groundwater-monitoring requirements, prior to the start of construction. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563 or email LeahBurry@gov.nl.ca.

The Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that a 30-metre buffer zone of natural forage shall be maintained between agricultural land and any watercourse or water body and that manure shall not be spread or stored within 30 meters of the nearest watercourse or water body. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 256-1426 or email WayneLynch@gov.nl.ca.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture informs that the **Lands Act** requires title approval on all occupied Crown Land. You are required to submit a Crown Lands application for any land use associated with the project. The application and related information is found at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/lands/applications/>. Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that the project area and surrounding wetland is an established and well-used caribou area. Farm development, and in particular activities associated with root crop production, will increase conflict with the foraging behaviour of wildlife. Appropriate wildlife-friendly measures should be put in place to mitigate for this recognized conflict. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture at (709) 637-2353 or email FFAreferrals@gov.nl.ca.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology advises that the application site overlaps a mineral licence. Accordingly, you are advised that mineral exploration is a land use that should be expected in the general area in the future. For further information, please contact the Mines Branch at (709) 729-5748 or stephenhinchey@gov.nl.ca. The Mines Branch further advises you to contact the Quarry Rights Section at quarries@gov.nl.ca, should you require a quarry permit or subordinate quarry permit.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that the modernized Fisheries Act includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions which came into effect on August 28, 2019. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website to get

information about how to comply with the Fisheries Act and as well as information on the project review process. The "Projects Near Water" website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. 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 15 and August 15 in this region. Environment and Climate Change Canada provided a list of avian species identified under the Species at Risk Act (SARA) and the Little Brown Myotis, which is identified as endangered under the SARA, and requested that any sightings be reported to the Canadian Wildlife Services Branch. For further information, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-2126.

Health Canada advises you to consider the impacts of project activities on potential human receptors in terms of air quality, noise, drinking or recreational water quality, and country foods, and has provided links to guidance documents regarding these concerns. Health Canada recommends that you prepare spill response plans in the event of an accident or malfunction that may have the potential to impact drinking/recreational water quality and country foods.

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 you have not commenced your project 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 concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

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

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

cc: Pleaman Forsey, MHA Exploits