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Reg. # 2190

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Dear Dennis Young:

RE: Green Bay Sawmill 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.
- The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department requires that you submit a Waste Management Plan that identifies the management of all potential waste streams, including spoilage, slabs, wood chips, and sawdust generated at the facility. Contingency plans must be included that identify disposal options in the event that these waste streams cannot be fully utilized. For further information, please contact Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-7012.
- The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that as per 1:50,000 topographic mapping, a stream flows across the northeast corner of the property boundary, and, you must maintain a 15-metre undisturbed buffer from the stream for all activities. For more information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.
- 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.
- 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 Pollution Prevention Division of my Department recommends that you develop a site-specific contingency plan to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. Any spill or leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at 1-800-563-9089. For more information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782.

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that a permit is required for any work within 15 metres of waterbody (including wetlands). For more information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that a development permit will be required for any construction within 400 metres of the centreline of the Trans-Canada Highway. Any proposed access roads onto a highway must be approved by Digital Government and Service NL, and any existing tree screen concealing the operation from public view must be maintained. For more information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 292-4259.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises you to ensure that the activities associated with the development are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and its regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. For more information, please contact Occupational Health and Safety Division at (709) 729-3275.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that while they support the proposed expansion they do not commit to providing any additional Crown timber cutting permit allocations. For more information, please contact the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture at (709) 637-2353.

The Crown Land Administration Division of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, advise that if you plan to utilize the area of Crown land south of your private land grant as shown in the attached "Agency Comments for the Proponent" document, you are required to submit an application to obtain a title, pursuant to section 4 of the

Lands Act. For more information, please contact the Crown Land Administration Division at 1- 833-891-3249.

The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs advises that if the on-site storage of timber is increased or any other development, as defined in the **Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000** is proposed, then a permit from the Department of Digital Government and Service NL (Government Service Centre) is required. In addition, a 90-metre buffer from other development is required where excessive noise is generated. For more information, please contact the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (709) 729-3090.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) 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. ECCC provides a list of avian and non-avian species that are listed on Schedule 1 of the **Species at Risk Act**, and requests that any sightings be reported to ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.ac.ca. The species list is included in the "Comments for the Proponent" attached to this letter. ECCC further advises that the **Species at Risk Act** "General prohibitions" apply to this project, and recommends that you complete an analysis of potential impacts on the migratory birds listed on Schedule 1 and take measures to avoid or lessen those effects. ECCC requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped. For more information, please contact ECCC at (709) 772-2126.

The Department of 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**, as well as, information on the project review process. The "Projects Near Water" website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.ac.ca/Dnw-ppe/index-ena.html>. For more information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

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. You shall 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. Failure to apply for an extension will result in the expiry of the Minister's decision, and your project will have to be registered again for environmental assessment, should you wish to proceed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernard Davis", enclosed within a blue circular scribble.

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

Cc. Brian Warr, MHA, District of Baie Verte-Green Bay

Enclosure