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Reg. #2256

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Dear Kim Childs:

RE: CBPPL Zone 6 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2024-2028) (the Project)

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 the Project is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You must uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The Climate Change Branch of this department requires that a Greenhouse Gas Management Plan be prepared and submitted to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change for approval. A draft of this plan must be submitted within one year of the date of the Minister's decision letter with an update on the progress of this plan to be submitted in 6 months. The plan is to include:
 - Any carbon modeling that has been or will be used to inform forest management planning;
 - Projections on the level of greenhouse gas emissions that are anticipated to be captured and/or released over the five-year period; and
 - A description of how forest management will be informed by carbon modelling with regard to climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation. For further information, please contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485.

- The Water Resources Management Division of this department requires the following:
 - a 30-meter protective buffer is required around the following hydrometric stations:
 - Grand Lake east of Grand Lake Brook (Station ID 02YK010);
 - Highlands River at Trans-Canada Highway (Station ID 02ZA002).
 - Prior to the start of the forestry operations, the erosion susceptible areas in these flood plain watersheds must be identified to prevent erosion during forest harvesting.
 - Humber River watershed (Deer Lake and Steady Brook flood plain mapping);
 - Stephenville Crossing watershed (Stephenville Crossing and Black Duck Siding flood plain mapping); and
 - Codroy Valley watershed (Codroy Valley flood plain mapping). For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following for the protection of sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat:
 - A minimum 50-metre no grubbing buffer is to be maintained from the high water mark of all scheduled salmon rivers. A minimum 30-meter naturally vegetated buffer is to be maintained from the high water mark of all waterbodies (wetlands not included) that are identified on either the 1:50,000 scale National Topographic System maps or the topographic mapping layer shown in the Provincial Land Use Atlas.
 - A minimum 50-meter naturally vegetated buffer is to be maintained from the high water mark of all Significant Wetlands shown in the Provincial Land Use Atlas or identified by Wildlife Division during the Annual Operating Plan review. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture at (709) 637-2950.
- You must advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by e-mailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAPProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- You must update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required. Please e-mail the Project updates to EAPProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

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 must inform this department of any proposed 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 e-mail EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

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

Sincerely,



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District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Minister

Enclosures

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