Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the **Environmental Protection Act**.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

White Hill Pond Quarry Proponent: Cabot Ready Mix Limited

(Reg. 1828)

The Project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The Proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submissions to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- Prior to commencing any work related to this project, a brief Water Resources
 Management Plan must be prepared and submitted to the Water Resources
 Management Division for review and approval. For further information, contact
 Mohammad Khayer, Senior Engineer of the Water Rights, Investigations, and
 Modelling Section at 709-729-1229 or via email at mohammadkhayer@gov.nl.ca.
- The Proponent must 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.
- The Proponent 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 email the Project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Crown Zone 8 Five-Year Operating Plan Amendment (2023-2027) (Reg. 2240)

Proponent: Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

The Project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The Proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment amendment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- Commitments made in the environmental assessment registration document for EA Reg. # 2210, Crown Zone 8 Five-year Forestry Operating Plan (2023-2027),

apply to this Project as do the conditions of release of EA #2210 as outlined in the minister's decision letter of October 28, 2022.

• The Proponent must 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.

The Proponent 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 requested.

NW Gander Area Bullseye Mineral Exploration Proponent: Exploits Discovery Corp.

(Reg. 2242)

The Project is released subject to the following conditions;

- The Proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
 - A minimum 30-metre undisturbed riparian buffer must be maintained from the high water mark of all wetlands and waterbodies within and adjacent to the Project 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, to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitats.
 - Vegetation clearing is not to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and within 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200-metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Sawwhet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division.
- The Proponent must 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.
- The Proponent 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.

Lewisporte Junction Maple and Birch Syrup Farm Proponent: Hillside Farm

(Reg. 2243)

The Project is released subject to the following conditions;

- The Proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The Proponent 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.

Lark Harbour Breakwater and Wharf (Reg. 2244) Proponent: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours

The Project is released subject to the following conditions;

- The Proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The Proponent 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.

Learn more

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Environmental assessment information is available at:

https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/

https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GUIDE-TO-THE-PROCESS May-2023.pdf

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Public comments may be forwarded to: EAprojectcomments@gov.nl.ca

If you submit comments on a project that is under environmental assessment, please advise the Department if you DO NOT wish to share your comments with the project proponent.

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