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Reg. #2279

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Dear Scott Penny:

Re: Cooper Cove Marine Terminal Expansion (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 Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) of the Department of Environment and Climate Change requires you to develop a Waste Management Plan specific to the Project to be submitted for review and approval by the PPD prior to Project commencement. For further information contact PPD at (709) 729-1810.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) require you to complete a presence/absence survey for short-eared owls prior to the start of construction by a qualified independent third party, preferably between late June and late July of the construction year. Appropriate protocol and permit can be obtained from the Wildlife Division by e-mailing WildLifeReferrals@gov.nl.ca. For further information contact FFA at (709) 637-2950.
- You 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 via e-mail to EAProjectComments@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, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required. Please e-mail the Project updates to EAProjectComments@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 via e-mail joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,



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