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Reg. # 2393

Derrick Hong
St. John's Dockyard Limited
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Via E-mail: dhong@newdock.nf.ca

Dear Derrick Hong:

RE: St. John's Dockyard Upgrades (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. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required.

The EPR is necessary to inform the significance of the potential effects of the Project on the surrounding environment, and to explore the effects of alternatives. Additional information requirements include, but are not limited to:

- identification of in-ground contamination at the project site that may be disturbed and released into the environment as a result of project activities; and
- measures that would be undertaken to mitigate and monitor adverse effects.

An Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) will be appointed for the purpose of providing you with technical and scientific advice regarding the preparation of the EPR. As per the legislative requirements, within 60 days of this letter you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EPR.

Once submitted, the EPR will be subject to a 35-day review by the EAC and the public, and I will provide you with a decision on the EPR within 45 days of the commencement of the EPR review. You have three years from the date of today's EPR decision letter to submit an EPR that complies with the **Environmental Protection Act** and the EPR



guidelines. If you have not submitted an acceptable EPR within the three-year period, my decision will be void and you will have to register the Project again for environmental assessment, if you wish to proceed. Upon request, I may agree to extend the three-year period of my EPR decision for not more than three periods of one year.

The options available for my decision upon completion of the EPR review are as follows:

- the EPR is deficient and requires an amendment or a revised EPR;
- the EPR is acceptable and an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required, or
- the EPR is acceptable and the undertaking may be released from environmental assessment subject to conditions.

Please note that a proponent is not required to submit an EPR where the proponent elects to proceed directly with the preparation of an EIS. I encourage you to review section 25 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, and in particular the factors a minister considers when making an EIS determination. The Environmental Assessment Regulations are available at:

<https://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/Regulations/rc030054.htm>.

In accordance with the **Environmental Protection Act**, the Project may not proceed until it is released from environmental assessment. The Project may be subject to environmental assessment fees as described in the Environmental Assessment Fees Policy located at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/env-assessment/fees/>. Please review the fees policy and submit a detailed capital cost estimate for the undertaking to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca within two weeks of receiving this letter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Tibbs", written over a horizontal line.

HON. CHRIS TIBBS, MHA

District of Grand Falls - Windsor - Buchans
Minister