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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

The Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Bloom Lake Railway (Resubmission)

Proponent: Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Ltd.

(Reg. 1378)

The following agencies have been appointed to the Environmental Assessment Committee for the above undertaking and will provide the Minister with scientific and technical advice on the Environmental Preview Report:

Environmental Assessment Division, Department of Environment & Conservation
Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Human Resources, Labour & Employment
Highway Design, Department of Transportation & Works
Engineering and Land Use Planning, Department of Municipal Affairs
Strategic Planning Policy Coordination, Department of Natural Resources
Policy and Planning, Department of Labrador & Aboriginal Affairs
Environmental Affairs, Transport Canada
Oceans and Habitat Management Branch, Fisheries & Oceans Canada

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED:

Schefferville Area Iron Ore Mine (James and Redmond Properties)

Proponent: Labrador Iron Mines Limited

(Reg. 1379)

The Minister has advised the proponent that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the Minister and to prepare draft guidelines for the preparation of the EIS documents by the Proponent.

The EIS is to address, but not be limited to: the potential effects on caribou, the socioeconomic impacts, effects on fish and fish habitat, project feasibility, the project's water budget, details of avifauna studies, an assessment of expected air emissions, electrical power availability and project decommissioning. The public will be invited to provide comment on the draft guidelines. For further information on this project contact Paul Rideout at 729-4063 or email paulrideout@gov.nl.ca

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED:

Elross Lake Area Iron Ore Mine

Proponent: New Millenium Capital Corp.

(Reg.1380)

The Minister has advised the proponent that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the Minister and to prepare draft guidelines for the preparation of the EIS documents by the Proponent.

The EIS is to address, but not be limited to: the potential effects on caribou, the socioeconomic impacts, effects on fish and fish habitat, project feasibility, details regarding stream crossings and area hydrology, project alternatives, details of decommissioning and site closure, contaminants contained in pit dewatering and water budget. The public will be invited to provide comment on the draft guidelines. For further information on this project contact Peter Madden at 729-1350 or email pmadden@gov.nl.ca

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Branch Area Cranberry Farm

Proponent: Mr. Reginald Careen

(Reg. 1393)

The proposed undertaking will be located 7 kilometres east of St. Bride's, along route 100. The 50 acre site will have 38 acres of cranberry beds and an 80 metre access road. There will be brush cutting, ditching, placement of sand beds, and installation of water control structures and drainage tiles, during the construction phase. The site will be developed over a five year period with construction tentatively scheduled to begin this fall.

The undertaking was registered on August 12, 2008; public comments are due by September 17, 2008; and, the minister's decision is due by September 26, 2008.

For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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