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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 IMPACT STATEMENT SUBMITTED:

Elross Lake Area Iron Ore Mine

Proponent: New Millenium Capital Corp.

(Reg. 1380)

The proponent has submitted the environmental impact statement (EIS) for public and government review as required under the Environmental Protection Act. The EIS is intended to address the information requirements contained in the EIS Guidelines that were issued to the proponent on December 12, 2008 to predict and evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed undertaking. The EIS can be viewed on the Department's website at www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/Env or by contacting the environmental assessment committee Chairperson, Peter Madden, at (709) 729-0090 or email at petermadden@gov.nl.ca.

The public deadline to make comments to the Minister on the EIS is Wednesday, February 25, 2010. The Minister's deadline date on the acceptability of the EIS is March 16, 2010.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Argentia Wind Farm Resubmission

Proponent: Wind Project Inc.

(Reg. 1462)

The proponent plans to construct and operate a wind farm near Argentia, on land owned by the Argentia Management Authority. The proposal is for 9 to 11 wind turbine generators (WTG) with a total capacity of approximately 27.0 megawatts (MW) of electricity. The proposed WTGs feature a conical tubular steel tower with a hub height of about 65 to 80 metres and a three-blade rotor with a diameter of up to 90 metres. The rated electrical power generation capacity from a single turbine will be up to 3.0 MW. The undertaking will require new gravel access roads, foundations, transformers, underground and above ground power cables and lines, a substation and a permanent meteorological tower.

The undertaking was registered on January 6, 2010; public comments are due by February 10, 2010; and the Minister's decision is due by February 20, 2010.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Gander Bay Highway - Island Pond Cranberry Development

Proponent: 60393 Newfoundland and Labrador Corp.

(Reg. 1453)

This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following condition:

- The proponent must develop monitoring survey protocols in consultations with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service for waterfowl, other bird species, and for any species at risk that might be within the cranberry farm site area. The annual results of these monitoring surveys will be provided to, and discussed with the Wildlife Division and Canadian Wildlife Service. In addition, mitigation measures should be developed to reduce human-waterfowl interactions during construction and operation of the cranberry farm.

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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