

EXHIBIT NL-3



August 14, 2009

Mr. Derrick Maddocks
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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Environment and Conservation
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Dear Mr. Maddocks:

Re: Amendment to AbitibiBowater Grand Falls-Windsor Mill Certificate of Approval

As you are aware, we are required under the Grand Falls-Windsor Mill's Certificate of Approval to perform effluent monitoring. Specifically, sections 40 and 41 of the Certificate of Approval provide as follows:

40. *ACCGF is only permitted to discharge mill effluent to the Exploits River via the North Sewer and the Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment (ASWT) system outfall under the Terms and Conditions as outlined in this Approval. ...*
41. *ACCGF shall perform an Effluent Monitoring Program as per Table 3.*

With the decision taken by AbitibiBowater to cease production at the Grand Falls-Windsor Mill effective February 12, 2009, and subsequent clean-out of the Mill systems and the Activated Sludge Treatment Plant, AbitibiBowater is no longer producing Mill effluent for discharge into the Exploits River.

Over the past few months our monitoring regime under the Federal Pulp and Paper Effluent Regulations as well as under our operating Certificate of Approval have clearly demonstrated the quality of water and air discharged from this site. We are no longer discharging process effluent. Only storm water run off leaves the site. Effluent test results for the past 4 months show on average per day:

North Sewer	TSS Ave/day	BOD Ave/day	Flow Ave/day	pH Ave/day
April 2009	4 mg/l	1 mg/l	1570 meters cubed / day	6.3
May 2009	4 mg/l	12 mg/l	1043 meters cubed / day	6.7
June 2009	19 mg/l	2 mg/l	1055 meters cubed / day	7.0
July 2009	9 mg/l	Non Detect	1030 meters cubed / day	6.9

These test results confirm that the clean-up work completed to date addresses the environmental risks associated with ground water / storm water run off through our North Sewer.

On June 29, 2009, Environment Canada agreed that the site was no longer producing effluent and exempted the AbitibiBowater Grand Falls-Windsor Mill from the Pulp and Paper Effluent Regulations. Thus we are no longer required to perform effluent testing for Environment Canada under those regulations. Therefore as per section 72 in the Certificate of Approval # AA06-105487 we request an amendment to the Certificate of Approval to relieve us of the current monitoring requirements or reduce the monitoring program to that required by the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations for storm water.

It is understood that measures will be required under the Environmental Protection Act to protect the river from the effects of site demolition and restoration once that phase is initiated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

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