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Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Donna Ballard
Director – Civil Division
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Justice
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Dear Ms. Ballard:

Re: NL Government's Request to Perform Environmental Assessments of Abitibi-Consolidated Inc./Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada Sites

As you are aware, I represent Abitibi-Consolidated Inc./Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada (collectively "Abitibi"). This correspondence will respond to your e-mail dated July 14, 2009 to my colleague Jonathan Dale wherein you have requested Abitibi's cooperation in allowing access, for the purpose of environmental assessments proposed to be undertaken by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (the "NL Government"), to those locations which you describe as "sites formerly owned/operated by Abitibi. Specifically: Grand Falls-Windsor Mill site; Botwood Port facilities; Stephenville former mill site; logging camps; Buchans former mine sites" (collectively the "Abitibi Sites").

Without expressing any view whatsoever as to Abitibi's ownership of and/or responsibility for the Abitibi Sites and/or any environmental circumstances, commitments or liabilities associated therewith, I am instructed to advise that Abitibi will take such steps within its power as may be reasonably necessary to permit access, for the sole purpose of undertaking Phase II environmental assessments of the Abitibi Sites, by the firm Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (which firm you identify to be the environmental consultants to the NL Government) and/or its subcontractor personnel in such work ("CRA"), subject to the following conditions:

1. Abitibi will afford access for such Phase II environmental assessment purposes only to CRA personnel.
2. The NL Government/CRA will provide Abitibi with a schedule outlining in reasonable detail the timing(s) and location(s) of CRA's intended environmental assessment attendances, inspections and/or activities at the Abitibi Sites, including the nature of the environmental assessment testing or other work to be done in sufficient description and detail to allow Abitibi to elect whether or not to obtain split samples as contemplated in condition 5 below, and to prepare in the event that it elects to do so.

3. At Abitibi's option, CRA personnel undertaking environmental assessment attendances, inspections and/or activities of any nature at any of the Abitibi Sites will be accompanied by an Abitibi employee, and/or representative.
4. Abitibi will be provided with copies of all photographs taken by CRA personnel in respect of their attendances, inspections and/or activities at the Abitibi Sites.
5. At its option, Abitibi will be entitled to take split samples (samples comparable to those taken by CRA personnel) during the course of CRA's environmental assessment work at the Abitibi Sites (excepting to the extent to which this is now not possible by reason of the NL Government's/CRA's prior taking of samples at Buchans), provided that the taking of such samples does not unreasonably delay CRA's work. Abitibi will provide its own sampling containers (vials and receptacles, etc.) for the purposes of taking such split samples but shall be entitled to take such split samples from CRA's sampling equipment (e.g. drills, pumps and/or bailors etc.).
6. Respecting any monitoring wells or test pits proposed by CRA during the course of its environmental assessment work at the Abitibi Sites (the sole responsibility for the locations of such wells or test pits remaining with CRA at all times), CRA will consult with and obtain the consent of Abitibi respecting the location, placement and types of monitoring wells and/or test pits, and in particular:
 - (a) at Abitibi's option, CRA shall install flush-mounted monitoring wells at proposed monitoring well locations selected by CRA which are approved by Abitibi;
 - (b) at Abitibi's option, such monitoring wells as Abitibi may approve shall be removed at the NL Government's sole cost by CRA, in accordance with the NL Government's Guidelines for Decommissioning of Monitor Wells and Bore Holes, issue date February 13, 2003, not later than three (3) months following the earliest of (i) the date CRA ceases its environmental assessment attendances, inspections and/or activities at the Abitibi Site in question, and (ii) the date of any final environmental report and/or assessment prepared for such Abitibi Site;
 - (c) notwithstanding the above, all monitoring wells installed by CRA must be padlocked and a master key is to be provided to Abitibi once CRA has completed their sampling program; and
 - (d) CRA shall backfill all test pits with excavated soil after taking samples.

Abitibi's approval or consent, as contemplated herein, shall relate only to Abitibi's reasonably exercised judgment regarding material issues of safety, security, personnel or property damage and/or unreasonable interference with Abitibi's operations, and Abitibi's approval or consent may only be withheld on the basis of Abitibi's reasonably exercised judgment in respect of such material issues.

7. Upon conclusion of its environmental assessment work at any Abitibi Site, CRA shall, at its sole cost, remove from such Abitibi Site all soil or drill cutting waste and all well-purged water.
8. Abitibi will not and will not be deemed to have authorized the intended environmental assessments of the Abitibi Sites, or to have participated in their completion.
9. Any requests for oral or documentary information by CRA personnel respecting Abitibi's operations and/or the Abitibi Sites will be directed to counsel for Abitibi.
10. Abitibi will be provided with a copy of any final interim and any final environmental report(s) and/or assessment(s) prepared for each of the Abitibi Sites within ten (10) days of the delivery of each such report to the NL Government.
11. Abitibi reserves the right and shall be entitled to challenge, contest, and/or object to any findings, advices, recommendations or advisories of any nature or kind whatsoever contained in any environmental report(s) and/or any environmental assessment(s) report or other communication from CRA in respect of any of the Abitibi Sites.
12. All costs of the CRA environmental assessments of the Abitibi Sites shall be borne solely and exclusively by the NL Government.
13. Abitibi's grant or facilitation of access to the Abitibi Sites shall be entirely without prejudice to Abitibi's position in the pending appeal against the Minister of Environment and Conservation's Ministerial Order under the *Environmental Protection Act* Section 99 dated May 29, 2009, and in all correspondence in such matter exchanged with counsel for the Minister.
14. Abitibi's grant or facilitation of access to the Abitibi Sites shall not be nor shall it be deemed to be a concession or agreement that (a) the *Environmental Protection Act* (NL) authorizes or permits such access to the NL Government and/or (b) such access given to the NL Government is authorized or permitted pursuant to the terms of the April 17, 2009 Order issued, *inter alia*, to Abitibi under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* by the Quebec Superior Court, as such Order has been amended (the "CCAA Order").
15. CRA and its personnel shall at all times during their accessing of the Abitibi Sites conduct themselves reasonably and in accordance with the standards of a reasonable environmental consultant and a reasonable environmental assessment firm (including for greater certainty but without limitation by implementing a reasonable Health and Safety Plan to govern the access and activities contemplated hereunder and by observing, performing and fulfilling the Abitibi Grand Falls-Windsor and Stephenville Mills Site Specific Safety Requirements which are identified in the attached Schedule "A"), and shall comply in all respects with all applicable Federal, Provincial (Newfoundland and Labrador) and municipal legislative and regulatory requirements and provisions having application to such access and to the activities of CRA and its personnel at the Abitibi Sites, including without limitation the *Environmental Protection Act* (NL) and all

regulations thereunder and the *Occupational Health & Safety Act* (NL) and all regulations thereunder.

16. It is agreed that access by CRA and/or its personnel to the Abitibi Sites and the exercise of such access for the purposes as set out above shall at all times be at CRA's sole risk and the Government of NL's cost. The NL Government shall and hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Abitibi and its personnel harmless from and in respect of any damages, costs or liabilities of any nature or kind whatsoever caused by or arising in any manner from the access attendances, inspections and/or activities by CRA and/or its personnel at any Abitibi Site, including but without limitation any damages, costs or liabilities caused by or arising from a breach of the conditions herein.
17. (a) Respecting the Abitibi Sites at the Botwood Port facilities and the Stephenville former mill site, Abitibi shall release and provide to CRA the following documentation and data:
 - (i) for the Botwood Port facilities, Abitibi will release and provide to CRA the Phase II ESA reports made to Abitibi which exist in final form for that Abitibi Site (the "Botwood Reports"); and
 - (ii) for the Stephenville former mill site, Abitibi will release and provide to CRA all sampling data which has been gathered by Abitibi's Phase II environmental advisors since 2007, including copies of the original laboratory reports, drawings showing sample locations and bore hole/monitoring well logs (collectively, the "Stephenville Data"), for the purposes of allowing CRA to separately prepare its own Phase II ESA report for this site.

CRA/the NL Government shall have a period of seven calendar days following delivery of the Botwood Reports and the Stephenville Data to CRA to assess such reports and data to determine whether or not such reports and/or and data are sufficient for CRA's/the NL Government's purposes such that CRA shall not need access to such sites in accordance with these conditions. The NL Government/CRA shall within seven calendar days of Abitibi's delivery of the Botwood Reports and the Stephenville Data notify Abitibi's counsel in writing at:

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with their decision to such effect.

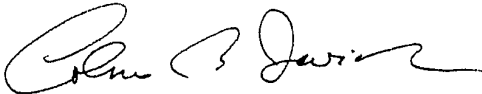
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- (b) In the event that the Botwood Reports and/or the Stephenville Data are considered by CRA/the NL Government to be insufficient for CRA's purposes, such that CRA will access either or both of such of these Abitibi Sites in accordance with these access conditions, then CRA/the NL Government shall return to Abitibi all copies of such reports and/or data determined to be insufficient, without retaining any copy or copies thereof for their own use, and in exercising access to either or both of such Abitibi Sites in accordance with these access conditions, CRA shall thereafter provide to Abitibi forthwith upon its availability to CRA all sampling data which it gathers at such site(s), including copies of the original laboratory reports, drawings showing sample locations and bore hole/monitoring well logs.

In the event that the above conditions of access to the Abitibi Sites are acceptable to the NL Government, would you kindly confirm in writing to such effect.

Yours very truly,

Stewart McKelvey

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colm St. Roch Seviour', written in a cursive style.

Colm St. Roch Seviour

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SCHEDULE "A"

Site Specific Safety Requirements

1. All contractors and associated personnel shall attend the mill's safety indoctrination before commencing work at the mill site.
2. All contractors must sign in and out at security **EVERY** time they enter or leave the mill site.
3. Contractor superintendent (or designate) must leave cell phone number at security so that persons on-site can be contacted. Likewise, Abitibi will leave the security number with the contractor superintendent.
4. Alcohol and drugs are prohibited. Any person found under the influence will be removed from the site.
5. Safety boots, glasses (with side shields) and hard hats must be worn at all times.
6. Reflective vests or reflective coveralls to be used at all times.
7. Smoking is prohibited in areas containing combustible material.
8. All hazardous material brought on site must be accompanied by a MSDS.
9. In case of emergency or in case there is need of an ambulance, the contractor should call the ambulance directly and meet the ambulance attendants at the mill gate to take them to the scene of the accident. Security could assist in case of an accident but then security must be notified at 709.292.3272 (Grand Falls-Windsor mill) 709.643.7587 (Stephenville mill) as to the exact location of the accident.

For the Stephenville mill specifically:

1. Access to the two settling ponds and the south aerated stabilization basin (ASB) requires the use of a raft and life jackets (or safe alternative) as there is a floating mass on top of several feet of water. An observer must be on the berm when anybody is on these ponds or ASB.
2. Access to landfill B requires the use of a lifejacket throughout and may require the use of a raft at the southwest end. An observer must be on the berm when anybody is on landfill B.