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MINISTER’S DETERMINATION

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Pursuant to Regulation 87-83 under the *Clean Environment Act*

June 7, 2021

File Number: 4561-3-1513

1. In accordance with section 6(6) of the Regulation, it has been determined that the undertaking may proceed following approval under all other applicable acts and regulations.
2. Commencement of this undertaking must occur within three years of the date of this Determination. Should commencement not be possible within this time period, the undertaking must be registered under the *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation (87-83) – Clean Environment Act* again, unless otherwise stated by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
3. The proponent shall adhere to all obligations, commitments, monitoring and mitigation measures presented in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) registration document dated December 18, 2018 as well as all those identified in subsequent correspondence during the registration review. Additionally, the proponent shall submit a summary table detailing the status of each Condition listed in this Determination to the Director of the EIA Branch, Department of Environment and Local Government (DELG) every six months from the date of this Determination until such a time as all the Conditions have been met or until it is deemed by the Director to be no longer required.
4. Well #1 is approved for a maximum allowable pumping rate of 3.81 m³/hr (14 igpm), a maximum pumping time of 8 hours/day, and a daily water withdrawal limit of 30.4 m³. Well #2 is approved for a maximum allowable pumping rate of 2.45 m³/hr (9 igpm), a maximum pumping time of 8 hours/day, and a daily water withdrawal limit of 19.6 m³. The maximum combined allowable water withdrawal from both Wells #1 and #2 is 50 m³/day.
5. If at any time the proponent wants to increase the approved maximum allowable pumping rate of Wells #1 and/or #2; increase the hours of operation of the wells and the total daily water withdrawal amount for Wells #1 and #2; develop a new water supply well; and/or d) add a saltwater intake, then the Director of the EIA Branch, DELG must be contacted as further hydrogeological testing and other information may be required. Approval must be received from the Director of the EIA Branch, DELG prior to implementing any changes.

6. An updated Groundwater Monitoring Plan must be submitted to the Director, EIA Branch, DELG within one month of the date of this Determination for review and approval. The Groundwater Monitoring Plan must be followed, and an annual groundwater monitoring report must be submitted in the manner prescribed in the *Approval to Operate*. Depending on the results of the monitoring reports and/or any site-specific issues that may develop DELG may request additional measures and/or changes to the Groundwater Monitoring Plan.
7. A Disposal Plan for the solid and liquid waste produced during sea cucumber processing operations must be prepared and submitted to the Director, EIA Branch, DELG for review and must receive approval prior to commencing sea cucumber processing operations at the facility. The Disposal Plan may be submitted for review in phases (i.e. cutting operations; blanching and cooling operations; and rinsing operations, should this be proposed in the future) provided that the plan for each phase receives approval prior to the commencement of operations associated with the respective phase. The Disposal Plan must include descriptions of the proposed disposal methods for the waste and details regarding applicable assessments (i.e. secondary treatment demonstration, and methods for a compost assessment). Depending on the disposal method proposed, additional information, mitigation, monitoring and/or assessment may be required.
8. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) must be prepared and submitted to the Director, EIA Branch, DELG for review and must receive approval prior to commencing project related activities. The EMP may be submitted for review in phases (i.e. construction and operation) provided that the plan for that phase receives approval prior to the commencement of project related activities associated with the the respective phase. The EMP must include, but is not limited to, project specific mitigation as well as contingency plans and emergency response plans. The EMP may have to be updated upon approval of the disposal plan and the updated version submitted to the Director, EIA Branch, DELG for review and approval.
9. The proponent shall ensure that any proposed project modifications or future expansions are submitted to the Director, EIA Branch, DELG, for review and approval prior to implementing the changes.
10. In the event of the sale, lease, or any other conveyance or change of control of the property, or any portion thereof, the proponent must provide written acknowledgement from the lessee, controller, or purchaser confirming that they will comply with the Conditions of this Determination to the Director, EIA Branch, DELG.
11. The proponent shall ensure that all developers, contractors and operators associated with the project comply with the above requirements.