

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL**

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Pursuant to section 20.3 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, Revised Statutes of Ontario (R.S.O.) 1990, c. E. 19 and subject to all other applicable Acts or regulations this Environmental Compliance Approval is issued to:

FREYMOND LUMBER LIMITED

2287 BAY LAKE ROAD  
BANCROFT ONTARIO  
K0L 1C0

For the following site:

2287 Bay Lake Road , Bancroft, HASTINGS HIGHLANDS, ONTARIO,  
CANADA, K0L 1C0

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (*Environmental Protection Act*) for approval of:

the establishment of an interim stormwater management Works for the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of stormwater runoff and infiltrated groundwater from the Phase 1 extraction area of Freymond Quarry located at 2287 Bay Lake Road, Bancroft, Ontario, serving a catchment area of 11.2 hectares, to provide Enhanced water quality, quantity and erosion protection by infiltrating all water into the ground with no discharge to surface water for all storm events up to and including the 100 year return storm, consisting of the following:

**PROPOSED WORKS**

**Stormwater Management System**

- A 1.5 m deep "infiltration cell" with an approximate bottom area of 1,800 m<sup>2</sup> and a top surface area of approximately 2,600 m<sup>2</sup>.
- An approximately 250 m long gravel-lined inlet channel constructed on predominantly

sandy soils, conveying water from the Phase 1 quarry floor to "infiltration cell".

including erosion/sedimentation control measures and all other controls and appurtenances essential for the proper operation of the aforementioned Works;

all in accordance with the submitted supporting documents listed in **Schedule 1**.

## DEFINITIONS

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For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

"Approval" means this entire Environmental Compliance Approval and any Schedules attached to it;

"Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.1 of the EPA;

"District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry, where the Works are geographically located;

"EPA" means the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;

"Grab Sample" or "Grab" means an individual sample of at least 1000 millilitres collected in an appropriate container at a randomly selected time over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes;

"Licensed Engineering Practitioner" means a person who holds a license, limited license or temporary license under the *Professional Engineers Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.28;

"Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and OWRA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;

"OWRA" means the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;

"Owner" means Ferymond Lumber Limited and its successors and assignees

"Proposed Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that are under construction or to be constructed;

"Works" means the approved sewage works, and includes Proposed Works;

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

## 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Owner shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Works is notified of this Approval and the terms and conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.
2. The Owner shall design, construct, operate and maintain the Works in accordance with the conditions of this Approval.
3. Where there is a conflict between a provision of any document referred to in this Approval and the conditions of this Approval, the conditions in this Approval shall take precedence.
4. The issuance of, and compliance with the conditions of, this Approval does not:
  - a. relieve any person of any obligation to comply with any provision of any applicable statute, regulation or other legal requirement, including, but not limited to, the obligation to obtain approval from the local conservation authority/Ministry of Natural Resources necessary to construct or operate the Works; or
  - b. limit in any way the authority of the Ministry to require certain steps be taken to require the Owner to furnish any further information related to compliance with this Approval.

## 2. EXPIRY OF APPROVAL

1. This Approval will cease to apply to those parts of the Works which have not been constructed within five (5) years of the date of this Approval.
2. In the event that completion and commissioning of any portion of the Works is anticipated to be more than **five (5) years**, the Owner shall submit an application for extension at least twelve (12) months prior to the end of the five (5) years from the day of issuance of this Approval. The application shall include the reason(s) for the delay, whether there is any design change(s) and a review of whether the standards applicable at the time of Approval of the Works are still applicable at the time of request for extension, to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment.

## 3. CHANGE OF OWNER

1. The Owner shall notify the District Manager and the Director, in writing, of any of the following changes within thirty (30) days of the change occurring:
  - a. change of address of Owner;
  - b. change of Owner, including address of new owner;

- c. change of partners where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the *Business Names Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.17 shall be included in the notification; or
  - d. change of name of the corporation, and a copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Information Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C39 shall be included in the notification.
2. In the event of any change in ownership of the Works, the Owner shall notify in writing the succeeding owner of the existence of this Approval, and a copy of such notice shall be forwarded to the District Manager and the Director.
  3. The Owner shall ensure that all communications made pursuant to this condition refer to the number of this Approval.

#### **4. CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED WORKS AND RECORD DRAWINGS**

1. Upon the construction of the Works, the Owner shall prepare a statement, certified by a Licensed Engineering Practitioner, that the Works are constructed in accordance with this Approval, and upon request, shall make the written statement available for inspection by Ministry personnel.
2. Within one (1) year of the construction of the Proposed Works, a set of as-built drawings showing the Works "as constructed" shall be prepared. These drawings shall be kept up to date through revisions undertaken from time to time and a copy shall be retained for the operational life of the Works.

#### **5. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

1. The Owner shall make all necessary investigations, take all necessary steps and obtain all necessary approvals so as to ensure that the physical structure, siting and operations of the Works do not constitute a safety, health or flooding hazard to the general public.
2. The Owner shall undertake an inspection of the condition of the Works, at least once a year, and undertake any necessary cleaning and maintenance to ensure that sediment, debris and excessive decaying vegetation are removed from the Works to prevent the excessive build-up of sediment, oil/grit, debris and/or decaying vegetation, to avoid reduction of the capacity and/or permeability of the Works, as applicable. The Owner shall also regularly inspect and clean out the inlet to the Works to ensure that it is not obstructed.
3. The Owner shall ensure that no water from the "infiltration cell" at anytime is discharged to the surface water to protect the receiving cold water stream. Any discharge to the

surface water shall be considered as a "spill" and shall be managed and reported according to Spill Contingency Plan and Reporting provisions, referenced respectively in Sections 7 and 9 of this Approval.

4. The interim stormwater management system shall be in operation until such time when a full-scale approved stormwater management facility (SWMF) is constructed to protect the South Stream (cold water stream) in accordance with the MTE's Proposed Stormwater Management Facility report, dated January 25, 2018 (amended November 7, 2018).
5. The Owner shall ensure the immediate clean-out of the Works after a fuel or oil spill capture.
6. The Owner shall undertake a South Creek assessment every three years by a qualified professional to evaluate whether changes in runoff volume or rate have resulted in alterations to stream morphology, erosion, habitat features, or related conditions.
7. The Owner shall ensure that equipment and material for the containment, clean-up and disposal of fuel and oil and materials contaminated with such, is on hand and in good repair for immediate use in the event of:
  - a. loss of fuel or oil to the Works; or
  - b. a spill within the meaning of Part X of the EPA.
8. The Owner shall prepare an operations manual prior to the commencement of operation of the Works that includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following information:
  - a. operating and maintenance procedures for routine operation of the Works;
  - b. inspection programs, including frequency of inspection, for the Works and the methods or tests employed to detect when maintenance is necessary;
  - c. repair and maintenance programs, including the frequency of repair and maintenance for the Works;
  - d. contingency plans and procedures for dealing with potential abnormal situations and for notifying the District Manager; and
  - e. procedures for receiving, responding and recording public complaints, including recording any follow-up actions taken.
9. The Owner shall maintain an up to date operations manual and make the manual readily accessible for reference at the Works for the operational life of the Works. Upon request, the Owner shall make the manual available to Ministry staff.
10. The Owner shall maintain a logbook to record the results of these inspections and any cleaning and maintenance operations undertaken, and shall keep the logbook at the Works for inspection by the Ministry. The logbook shall include the following:

- a. the name of the Works;
  - b. the date and results of each inspection, maintenance and cleaning, including an estimate of the quantity of any materials removed and method of clean-out of the Works; and
  - c. the date of each spill within the catchment area, including follow-up actions and remedial measures undertaken.
11. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the operation and maintenance activities required by this Approval.

## **6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL**

1. The Owner shall install and maintain temporary sediment and erosion control measures during construction and conduct inspections once every two (2) weeks and after each significant storm event (a significant storm event is defined as a minimum of 25 millimetres of rain in any 24 hours period). The inspections and maintenance of the temporary sediment and erosion control measures shall continue until they are no longer required and at which time they shall be removed and all disturbed areas reinstated properly.
2. The Owner shall also install and maintain permanent sediment and erosion control measures during the operation phase of the Works as described in the Approval application to protect the South Stream (cold water stream) and conduct inspections once every two (2) weeks and after each significant storm event (a significant storm event is defined as a minimum of 25 millimetres of rain in any 24 hours period). The Owner shall implement corrective actions if required to maintain the permanent sediment and erosion control measures at good operating condition.
3. An approximately 30 metres vegetated buffer shall be maintained between the "infiltration cell" and the South Creek, along the top of the meander belt/top of bank to prevent failure of the slope and to promote sedimentation.
4. The Owner shall maintain records of inspections and maintenance works, which shall be made available for inspection by the Ministry, upon request. The record shall include the name of the inspector, date of inspection, and the remedial measures, if any, undertaken to maintain the sediment and erosion control measures.

## **7. SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN**

1. No later than four (4) weeks prior to commencement of operation of the Works the Owner shall implement a spill contingency plan - that is a set of procedures describing how to mitigate the impacts of a spill within the area serviced by the Works. The Owner shall, upon request, make this plan available to Ministry staff. This plan shall include as a minimum:
  - a. the name, job title and location (address) of the Owner, person in charge, management or person(s) in control of the facility;
  - b. the name, job title and 24-hour telephone number of the person(s) responsible for activating the spill contingency plan;
  - c. a site plan drawn to scale showing the facility, nearby buildings, streets, catch-basins and manholes, drainage patterns (including direction(s) of flow in storm sewers), any receiving body(ies) of water that could potentially be significantly impacted by a spill and any features which need to be taken into account in terms of potential impacts on access and response (including physical obstructions and location of response and clean-up equipment);
  - d. steps to be taken to report, contain, clean up and dispose of contaminants following a spill;
  - e. a listing of telephone numbers for: local clean-up company(ies) who may be called upon to assist in responding to spills; local emergency responders including health institution(s); and Ministry Spills Action Centre 1-800-268-6060;
  - f. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for each hazardous material which may be transported or stored within the area serviced by the Works;
  - g. the means (internal corporate procedures) by which the spill contingency plan is activated;
  - h. a description of the spill response training provided to employees assigned to work in the area serviced by the Works, the date(s) on which the training was provided and by whom;
  - i. an inventory of response and clean-up equipment available to implement the spill contingency plan, location and, date of maintenance/replacement if warranted; and
  - j. the date on which the contingency plan was prepared and subsequently, amended.
2. The spill contingency plan shall be kept in a conspicuous, readily accessible location on-site.
3. The spill contingency plan shall be amended from time to time as required by changes in the operation of the facility.

## 8. MONITORING AND RECORDING

1. The Owner shall, upon commencement of operation of the Works, carry out a scheduled surface water monitoring program of collecting samples at the required sampling points, at the frequency specified or higher, by means of the specified sample type and analyzed for each parameter listed in the table under the monitoring program included in **Schedule 2** and record all results.
2. The methods and protocols for sampling, analysis and recording shall conform, in order of precedence, to the methods and protocols specified in the following documents and all analysis shall be conducted by a laboratory accredited to the ISO/IEC:17025 standard or as directed by the District Manager;
  - a. the Ministry Procedure F-10-1, "Procedures for Sampling and Analysis Requirements for Municipal and Private Sewage Treatment Works (Liquid Waste Streams Only), as amended;
  - b. the Ministry's publication "Protocol for the Sampling and Analysis of Industrial/Municipal Wastewater Version 2.0" (January 2016), PIBS 2724e02, as amended;
  - c. the publication "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", as amended; and
  - d. for any parameters not mentioned in the documents referenced in Paragraphs 2.a, 2.b and 2.c, the written approval of the District Manager shall be obtained prior to sampling.
3. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the monitoring activities required by this Approval.

## 9. REPORTING

1. One (1) week prior to the start-up of the operation of the Works, the Owner shall notify the District Manager (in writing) of the pending start-up date.
2. The Owner shall, upon request, make all reports, manuals, plans, records, data, procedures and supporting documentation available to Ministry staff.
3. In addition to the obligations under Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98 (Classification and Exemption Of Spills and Reporting of Discharges) made under the EPA, the Owner shall, within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of any reportable spill as provided in Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98, submit a full written report of the occurrence to the District Manager describing the cause and discovery of the spill, clean-up and recovery measures taken, preventative measures to be taken and a schedule of implementation.

4. The Owner shall prepare performance reports on a calendar year basis and submit to the District Manager by March 31 of the calendar year following the period being reported upon. The reports shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following information pertaining to the reporting period:
  - a. a summary and interpretation of all surface water monitoring data and a comparison to the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, including an overview of the success and adequacy of the Works;
  - b. a summary of the South Creek assessment report (once every three years);
  - c. a description of any operating problems encountered and corrective actions taken;
  - d. a summary of all maintenance carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus, mechanism or thing forming part of the Works, including an estimate of the quantity of any materials removed from the Works;
  - e. a summary of the calibration and maintenance carried out on all monitoring equipment;
  - f. a summary of any complaints received during the reporting period and any steps taken to address the complaints;
  - g. a summary of any maintenance works carried out on erosion and sediment control measures;
  - h. a summary of all spill or abnormal discharge events; and
  - i. any other information the District Manager requires from time to time.

## 10. PREAUTHORIZATION

1. The Owner is preauthorized to modify the design of the infiltration cell, where necessary, to achieve the intended infiltration performance, should monitoring or operational results demonstrate that the infiltration cell is not performing as designed.

## REASONS

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The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

**Condition 1** is imposed to ensure that the Works are constructed and operated in the manner in which they were described and upon which approval was granted. This condition is also

included to emphasize the precedence of conditions in the Approval and the practice that the Approval is based on the most current document, if several conflicting documents are submitted for review. **Condition 1.4** is included to emphasize that the issuance of this Approval does not diminish any other statutory and regulatory obligations to which the Owner is subject in the construction, maintenance and operation of the Works. The Condition specifically highlights the need to obtain any necessary conservation authority approvals. The Condition also emphasizes the fact that this Approval doesn't limit the authority of the Ministry to require further information.

**Condition 2** is included to ensure that, when the Works are constructed, the Works will meet the standards that apply at the time of construction to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment.

**Condition 3** is included to ensure that the Ministry records are kept accurate and current with respect to the approved Works and to ensure that subsequent owners of the Works are made aware of the Approval and continue to operate the Works in compliance with it.

**Condition 4** is included to ensure that the Works are constructed in accordance with the approval and that record drawings of the Works "as constructed" are maintained for future references.

**Condition 5** is included as regular inspection and necessary removal of sediment and excessive decaying vegetation from the Works are required to mitigate the impact of sediment, debris and/or decaying vegetation on the treatment capacity of the Works. The Condition also ensures that adequate storage is maintained in the Works at all times as required by the design. Furthermore, this Condition is included to ensure that the Works are operated and maintained to function as designed.

**Condition 6** is included as installation, regular inspection and maintenance of the sediment and erosion control measures is required to mitigate the impact on the downstream receiving watercourse during construction until they are no longer required and also during operation phase.

**Condition 7** is included to ensure that the Owner will implement the Spill Contingency Plan, such that the environment is protected and deterioration, loss, injury or damage to any person(s) or property is prevented.

**Condition 8** regarding monitoring and recording is included to enable the Owner to evaluate and demonstrate the performance of the Works, on a continual basis, so that the Works are

properly operated and maintained at a level so that the adjacent sensitive surface water course is protected.

**Condition 9** is included to provide a performance record for future references, to ensure that the Ministry is made aware of problems as they arise, and to provide a compliance record for all the terms and conditions outlined in this Approval, so that the Ministry can work with the Owner in resolving any problems in a timely manner.

**Condition 10** is included to ensure that timely actions can be taken to protect the environment without the need to await prior approval from the Ministry.

## APPEAL PROVISIONS

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In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, you may by written notice served upon me and the Ontario Land Tribunal, within 15 days after the service of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. You must also provide notice to, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in accordance with Section 47 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993 who will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the *Environmental Protection Act* provides that the notice requiring the hearing ("the Notice") shall state:

1. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
2. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

Registrar\*  
Ontario Land Tribunal  
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5G 1E5  
[OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca](mailto:OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca)

and

The Minister of  
the Environment,  
Conservation and  
Parks  
777 Bay Street,  
5th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2J3

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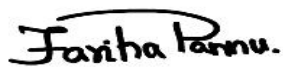
The Director appointed for  
the purposes of Part II.1 of  
the *Environmental Protection  
Act*  
Ministry of the Environment,  
Conservation and Parks  
135 St. Clair Avenue West,  
1st Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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**\* Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or [Ontario Land Tribunal's](#)**

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#), you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

Dated at Toronto this 2nd day of June, 2026



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Director

appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*

c: Louis Freymond, FREYMOND LUMBER LIMITED

Jay Flanagan, MTE Consultants Inc.

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The following schedules are a part of this environmental compliance approval:

## **SCHEDULE 1**

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1. Application for Environmental Compliance Approval submitted by Louis Freymond, President, Freymond Lumber Limited, received on February 15, 2023 for the proposed Works including design report, final plans and specifications.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Surface Water Monitoring Program (South Stream)

Sampling Location	Parameters	Sample Type	Minimum Frequency
Upstream (UTM 18 276518 m E, 4991425 m N)	Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Turbidity, BTEX [Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylenes (o-, m-, and p-xylene)], Nitrate, Total Ammonia Nitrogen (TAN). Unionized Ammonia (calculated), Temperature (field), pH (field)	Grab	Spring, Fall and at another occasion when "infiltration cell" actively receiving runoff for at least 3 consecutive days
Midstream (UTM 18 276596 m E, 4991561 m N)	the same set of parameters as listed above	Grab	the same frequency as listed above
Downstream (UTM 18 276737 m E, 4991695 m N)	the same set of parameters as listed above	Grab	the same frequency as listed above

**Note:** this monitoring shall continue throughout operation of the interim stormwater management Works until the MTE proposed full-scale stormwater management facility is approved, constructed and operational.