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Re: Installation of a 135 c.f. baler at Mill Creek Peat Processing Plant

Sunterra Horticulture (Canada) Inc. would like to submit this letter as a Notice of Alteration to receive an approval to add a 135 c.f. baler to its Mill Creek peat processing plant located at the Mill Creek sub-area of Peat Harvest Licence No. 20. Sunterra Horticulture's operations are regulated by the Environment Act Licence No. 2288RRR.

Sunterra Horticulture expects that there will be not additional negative effects on the environment due to the proposed alteration. None of the EAL 2288RRR conditions will be affected.

Please find a Notice of Alteration form attached to this letter.

Proposed Alteration

Currently, there are two balers operating at Sunterra's Mill Creek plant: a 64 c.f. (cubic feet) baler and a 135 c.f. baler. The 135 c.f. bales are more popular among Sunterra's customers than 64 c.f. bales. Therefore, Sunterra Horticulture would like to improve the efficiency of its processing facility by adding another 135 c.f. baler.

The plant building that houses the existing 135 c.f. baler was built to accommodate several balers, although only one had been installed. The proposed 135 c.f. baler will be installed in this existing building, hence, not requiring additional buildings or structures.

The alteration will not result in increased production output as packaging of bulk peat material will be divided between the existing 64 c.f. baler and the proposed 135 c.f. baler, depending on customers' orders. Therefore, the alteration will improve the plant's efficiency in manufacturing the most popular 135 c.f. bales compared to only one baler currently producing 135 c.f. bales.

Timeline

The installation of the additional 135 c.f. baler is planned for June 2023, and it is expected that it will be in operation by August 2023.

Effects on the Environment

The additional 135 c.f. baler will be housed in the same enclosed building where the existing 135 c.f. baler is located, and manufacturing process will not change, therefore, there will be no additional negative effects on the environment compared to the current operations.

Effects on traffic

As production will not be increased, there will be no additional traffic on local highways.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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