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Re: Notice of Alteration - proposed addition to Mill Creek Peat Processing Facility

Sunterra Horticulture (Canada) Inc. would like to apply for an approval to install additional infrastructure at the existing Mill Creek Peat Processing Facility located in the Interlake, Manitoba. The area in question is part of the Mill Creek sub-area of Peat Harvest Licence #20. The processing facility is also covered by the Peat Surface Lease # 69983. All Sunterra's operations are regulated by the Environmental Act Licence # 2288RRR.

in addition to 100% peat currently offered, Sunterra Horticulture would like to diversify its product
line by offering a mix.



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Proposed Alteration

The following alterations to Mill Creek Peat Processing Facility are proposed:

- 1. Installation of a concrete pad no larger than 150' x 150'. The location is shown on the attached layout map.
- Installation of the following equipment on top of the concrete pad: Screener, Shaver, Mixer, Conveyor and a Bunker.
- 3. Installation of a tarp tent to cover the pad with equipment. This tarp tent will be the same as the already existing tarp tent used in the 135 Baler Building.

The packaging of the mix product will occur in the already existing Baler Buildings.

Timeline

Sunterra Horticulture would like to install the concrete pad as soon as possible in autumn 2021, before the ground freezes. Equipment will be installed on top of the concrete pad in the spring 2022. The tarp tent will be installed in summer 2022 after equipment installation. Sunterra Horticulture plans to start producing the mix product in summer 2022.

If the ground freezes before concrete pad is installed this autumn, then the alterations will have to be postponed to May/June 2022 once the ground thaws, which will result in further delays with production of the mix product possibly to summer 2023.

Effects on Environment

Sunterra Horticulture is certain that there will be no negative effects on the environment associated with the proposed alteration. Specifically,

- 1. there will be no waste generated by the production of the mix,
- 2. there will be no liquid effluents,
- 3. the equipment will be covered with a tarp tent, therefore, there will be no air emissions (peat dust), and
- 4. No clauses of EAL # 2288RRR will be affected.

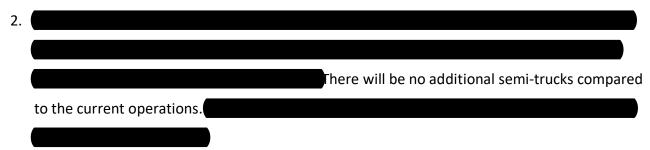


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Effects on traffic

There will be zero effect on traffic. Specifically,

 The peat for the mix will be harvested only at Mill Creek bog, which is adjutant to the Mill Creek Peat Processing Facility. Therefore, there will be no additional semi-trucks on PR234 between the Processing Facility and other Sunterra's bogs.



Due to the below 0 temperatures now present at the Mill Creek site, an earlier review of this application would be greatly appreciated.

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

Sincerely,



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