

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Sun Gro Horticulture Canada Ltd.  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Hay Point Peat Mine Development

**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** Two  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Mining  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5548.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Proposal was received on November 1, 2011. It was dated October 31, 2011. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“On November 1, 2011 Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated October 31, 2011, from Sun Gro Horticulture Canada Ltd. to develop the Hay Point Bog to harvest peat for the production of horticultural peat products. The proposed development is located on Crown Land within the Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park and covers an area of approximately 531 ha. The targeted peatland is located approximately 21 km northeast of Riverton, MB on part of Sections 17 to 20, Township 25, Range 5.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Interlake Spectator on Thursday, December 15, 2011 and the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday, December 17, 2011. It was placed in the Main, Eco-Network, Millennium Public Library (Winnipeg), Selkirk and St. Andrews Regional Library public registries and in the office of the Rural Municipality of Bifrost as a public registry location. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on December 9, 2011. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was January 16, 2012.

### **POLICY CONTEXT:**

In conjunction with general public and resource management concerns with peat harvesting operations in Manitoba, the province initiated the development of a peatland stewardship strategy so that a more complete understanding of the resource could be obtained before further decisions on industrial development of the resource occurred.

An announcement respecting the development of the strategy was made by the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship on February 25, 2013. At the same time, it was announced that peat mining in provincial parks would be banned.

As a result of this announcement, no further environmental assessment and licensing activities will be undertaken on the Hay Point Peat Mine Development project.

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