

Notice of Commencement Under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects

Emmerson Dam Micro-Hydro Project

Date: July 28, 2014

2130366 Ontario Inc. is planning to undertake an environmental evaluation and assessment for a proposed waterpower project, the Emmerson Dam Micro-Hydro Project, located in Haliburton, Ontario, on the Drag River.

If approved and constructed, the waterpower project would have a capacity of 40 kW and would produce 210,240 kWh of renewable energy annually through a grid-tiered, net metering system. The location of the existing Emmerson Dam is presented in the accompanying map. The project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association "Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects" (Class EA). Pursuant to the Class EA, this project is considered to be a project associated with existing infrastructure.

The Class EA process requires 2130366 Ontario Inc. to undertake an evaluation of the project to determine its potential effects to the environment (both positive and negative) and prepare a formal Environmental Report subject to a mandatory formal public review period. The project may be expected to require review and approvals under various applicable legislation, such as Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*, *Environmental Protection Act*, *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, *Endangered Species Act*, *Public Lands Act*, and the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, and, possibly, the federal *Fisheries Act*. This notice and the public consultation process for the project under the Class EA is intended to coordinate and meet the notification requirements relevant to the planning stage of the project under these statutes.

The evaluation and environmental report will assess the potential effects of the proposed waterpower project on the environment during its construction and operation. 2130366 Ontario Inc. has identified certain environmental components that are expected to be the focus of the proposed project.

Public consultation is an integral component of this process. You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed, and/or to ask to be placed on the project's mailing list. The Notice of Completion will be provided to all Aboriginal communities, agencies and other parties who expressed interest as a result of this Notice of Commencement and who participated in the consultation process. For information on the project proposal, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, contact:

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