

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Hemp Sense Inc.
PROPOSAL NAME: Hemp Fibre Processing Facility
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Manufacturing -
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5801.00

OVERVIEW:

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship received a Proposal on October 15, 2015 for the construction and operation of a hemp fibre processing facility at Section NW 9-25-22 W, Lot 2 Plan 40823 WLTO in the Rural Municipality of Gilbert Plains, Manitoba. The facility will process hemp straw into various value added products.

The Department, on November 17, 2015, placed copies of the Proposal in the Public Registries located at Legislative Library (200 Vaughan Street), the Winnipeg Millennium Public Library and online at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/5801hempense/index.html>. Copies of the Proposal were also provided to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. A notice of the Environment Act proposal was also placed in the Dauphin Herald on November 17, 2015. The newspaper and TAC notifications invited responses until December 16, 2015.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No Comments

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

No Comments.

Manitoba Agriculture – Land Use Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Compliance and Enforcement Branch

No concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Climate Change and Air Quality Branch

Air Quality Section has reviewed the above proposal and provides the following comments:

- *It is expected that the proposal has no significant impact on air quality provided that potential dust and particulate emissions from hemp handling and processing will be managed as mentioned in the proposal.*
- *Air Quality Section suggests that the EA Clause regarding noise nuisance be included.*

Disposition

Clause 9 of the draft Environment Act Licence addresses issue related to noise nuisance.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Wildlife and Fisheries Branch

No Concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Protected Spaces Branch

Parks and Protected Space Branch has reviewed the proposal submitted pursuant to The Environment Act for Request for review/comment - EAP Hemp Sense - File: 5801.00. The Branch has no comments or concerns to offer as it does not affect any provincial parks, park reserves, ecological reserves, areas of special interest or proposed protected areas.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Forestry Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Aboriginal Relations Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Lands Branch

No Comments.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Quality Management Section

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Groundwater Management Section

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water

This EAP notes water from the rural water distribution system will be used for staff purposes i.e. washrooms etc but not in the process line. It also notes a fire sprinkler system will use water from a dugout. As such, all applicable provisions of The Manitoba Plumbing Code should be followed to ensure there is no cross connection between the public potable water system and the non-potable sprinkler water system. Apart from this point, Office of Drinking Water has no further concerns with this EAP.

Disposition

The recommendation is forwarded to the proponent.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship– Water Use Licensing Section

No Concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works Licensing Section

No Response.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship– Regional Services Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism – Heritage Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Innovation Energy and Mines – Energy Development Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Innovation Energy and Mines – Petroleum Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Flood Forecasting Branch

No Response.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Highway Planning and Design Branch

No Concerns.

Manitoba Municipal Government

No Response.

Manitoba Health – Environmental Health Unit

No Comments.

Manitoba Labour – Office of Fire Commissioner

The hemp fibre processing facility poses a high fire hazard. The Office of the Fire Commissioner recommends that the applicant obtain a building permit prior to construction of the new building.

Disposition

The recommendation is forwarded to the proponent.

Manitoba Labour – Work Place Safety & Health

No Response.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION:

The Government of Manitoba recognizes that it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with Indigenous communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of the Indigenous rights of that community.

This proposed facility will be located on a privately owned land previously used for a seed cleaning operation. There would be no infringement of Indigenous rights under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Therefore, it is concluded that Crown-Indigenous consultation is not required for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Proponent should be issued a Licence for the construction and operation of a hemp fibre processing facility in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the attached draft Licence. Enforcement of the Licence should be assigned to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship.

A draft Environment Act Licence is attached for the Director's consideration.

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