

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Schweitzer-Mauduit Canada Inc.  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Flax Fiber Shive Screening Plant  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 1  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Manufacturing and Industrial Plant  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5455.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

On April 1, 2010, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated April 1, 2010 from MMM Group Limited on behalf of Schweitzer-Mauduit Canada Ltd. for the construction and operation of a flax fiber shive screening plant at 355 Monarch Drive in Winkler. The facility will screen and separate flax shives into three sizes for resale.

The Department, on April 16, 2010, placed copies of the Proposal in the Public Registries located at 123 Main St. (Union Station), the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Millennium Public Library, and the City of Winkler Office. 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 Winkler Times on April 16, 2010. The newspaper and TAC notifications invited responses until May 17, 2010.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments received.

#### **Disposition:**

No action needed.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

#### **Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency**

No concerns.

#### **Disposition**

No action needed.

#### **Manitoba Conservation – Parks and Natural Areas Branch**

No concerns

Disposition

No action needed.

**Manitoba Conservation – Pollution Prevention**

The following comment was provided:

- The proposal adequately addressed the potential emissions to be generated during the production process which is predominantly particulate emissions from grinding and screening activities. Noise will have minimal impact because of its location within an industrial area.

Disposition

No action required.

**Manitoba Conservation – Wildlife & Ecosystem Protection**

No concerns.

Disposition

No action required.

**Manitoba Conservation – Environmental Services**

The following comment was provided:

Suggest that the licence requirements include a clause that any waste material from the manufacturing facility that is not suitable for sale be disposed of in a manner approved by the Director

Disposition

Clause 27 of the draft Environment Act Licence addresses solid waste disposal.

**Manitoba Conservation – Sustainable Resource and Policy Management**

No concerns.

Disposition

No action needed.

**Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) – Highway Planning and Design Branch**

No concerns.

**Disposition:**

No action needed.

**Manitoba Water Stewardship**

The following comments relevant to the proposal were provided:

- *The Water Rights Act* requires a person to obtain a valid licence to control water or construct, establish or maintain any “water control works.” “Water control works” are defined as any dyke, dam, surface or subsurface drain, drainage, improved natural waterway, canal, tunnel, bridge, culvert borehole or contrivance for carrying or conducting water, that temporarily or permanently alters or may alter the flow or level of water, including but not limited to water in a water body, by any means, including drainage, OR changes or may change the location or direction of flow of water, including but not limited to water in a water body, by any means, including drainage. If a proposal advocates any of the aforementioned activities, a person is required to submit an application for a Water Rights Licence to Construct Water Control Works. A person may contact the following Water Resource Officer to obtain an application and/or obtain information.
  - A contact person is Mr. Geoff Reimer C.E.T., Senior Water Resource Officer, Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing, Manitoba Water Stewardship, Box 4558, Stonewall, Manitoba R0C 2Z0, telephone: (204) 467-4450, email: geoff.reimer@gov.mb.ca.
- The proponent needs to be informed that if the proposal in question advocates any construction activities, erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented until all of the sites have stabilized.
- Manitoba Water Stewardship requests clarification on the source of water supply.

**Disposition**

The proponent has been made aware of these requirements, and has indicated that they use water only for domestic purposes and that it is supplied through the municipal system. No further action required.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing is not recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Proponent should be issued a Licence for the operation of a flax fiber shive screening plant in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the attached draft Licence. Enforcement of the Licence should be assigned to the Central Region of Manitoba Conservation.

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

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