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Thank you for your email regarding Sun Gro's Environment Act Proposal for Evergreen 1 sub-area of Peat Harvest License #3.

Manitoba's peat industry is estimated to contribute \$112.9 million to Manitoba's economy annually, is an important part of Manitoba's rural economy, and makes an important contribution to food security and agriculture in North America as it is an important part of the supply chain for food production. From vegetable and mushroom production in greenhouses to tree seedling production for re-forestation efforts, the peat harvesting industry, through such products, supports these valuable contributions to society and the environment. Manitoba ensures the responsible and sustainable harvest of this important resource through requirements of The Peatland Stewardship Act and The Environment Act.

Additional information on the public review process for Notice of Alteration to EAL# 305R, can be found by visiting the following link for the posted Environment Act Proposal: https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/628.1/index.html

Thank you again for taking the time to share your views.

Yours truly,

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