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PROVINCE SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON INNOVATIVE NEW “ENERGY FROM WASTE” PROPOSALS

TORONTO — The McGuinty government is seeking public input on two proposals to use waste to generate energy in Durham Region, Environment Minister Laurel Broten announced today.

“This government welcomes innovative solutions for managing waste,” said Minister Broten. “I encourage the public to learn more about new waste technologies and to comment on the proposals posted today.”

Dongara Pellet Factory Inc. and Arbour Power propose to team up to process non-recyclable municipal waste, turning it into pellets which would then be used as an alternative fuel source.

The ministry will carefully review and consider all comments received before making a decision on the proposals. If granted approval, Dongara and Arbour Power would be subject to the ministry’s strict standards for air, waste and wastewater emissions.

Earlier this year the ministry gave approval to Plasco Trail Road Inc. of Ottawa to construct and operate a pilot plasma gasification facility to power electricity generators. Alternative proposals such as these support new waste management technologies and energy production that will keep more waste out of landfill and put it to beneficial use.

The proposals have been posted on the Environmental Registry for a comment period of 45 days. The postings can be viewed at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envregistry/028766er.htm>.

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