

**Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation
Forest Agreement
(the "Agreement")**

This Agreement is dated for reference March 30, 2004.

Between:

Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation

As represented by

The Council of the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation

And

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia

As represented by the Minister of Forests
(the "Government of British Columbia")

(collectively the "Parties")

Whereas:

- The Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation has Aboriginal Interests within its Traditional Territory.
- The Parties wish to enter into an interim measures agreement in relation to forest resource development and related economic benefits arising from this development within the Traditional Territory.
- The Parties acknowledge that this agreement is an interim measures agreement and does not attempt to provide a full and final settlement of the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's aboriginal rights and title claim.
- The Government of British Columbia intends to fulfil any responsibility it has to consult and to seek workable interim accommodation with the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation on forest resource development activities proposed within the

Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation Traditional Territory that may lead to the infringement of the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests.

- The Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation agrees to participate in any consultation initiated by the Government of British Columbia or a Licensee, in relation to forest resource development activities proposed within the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation Traditional Territory, that may lead to an infringement of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation Aboriginal Interests.
- The Parties have an interest in seeking workable interim accommodation of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests where forest development activities are proposed within the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation Traditional Territory that may lead to the infringement of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests.
- The Government of British Columbia and the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation wish to resolve issues relating to forest resource development where possible through negotiation as opposed to litigation.

Therefore the Parties agree as follows:

1.0 Definitions

For the purposes of this agreement, the following definitions apply:

- 1.1 "Operational Plan" means a Forest Development Plan, Woodlot Licence Plan or a Forest Stewardship Plan that has an effect in Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Traditional Territory.
- 1.2 "Operational Decision" means a decision that is made by a person with respect to the statutory approval of a Forest Development Plan, Woodlot Licence Plan or a Forest Stewardship Plan that has an effect in Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Traditional Territory.
- 1.3 "Aboriginal interests" means asserted aboriginal rights and/or aboriginal title.
- 1.4 "Administrative Decision" means one or more of the following decisions made by a person under the *Forest Act*.

- Decisions that set or vary Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) for a Timber Supply Area or a forest tenure;
- The issuance, subdivision or amendment of a forest tenure;
- The replacement of forest tenures;
- The transfer or change of control of forest tenures, including any associated reductions in AAC with respect to forest tenures, and exchange of rights between or among tenure holders;
- The disposition of timber volumes arising from undercut decisions on a forest tenure;
- AAC apportionment and reallocation decisions;
- Timber Sale Licence and Timber Licence conversion to other forms of tenure and Timber Licence term extensions; and,
- The reallocation of harvesting rights as a result of the implementation of the *Forestry Revitalization Act*.

- 1.5 “Forest Tenure” means an agreement granting rights to harvest Crown timber as defined in the *Forest Act*.
- 1.6 “Response Period” means a period of 60 days from initiation of the processes set out in Sections 4 and 5 of this Agreement, where the initiation date is the date on which Kwicksutaineuk/Ah’Kwaw’Ah’Mish First Nation is notified of an Administrative Decision or timber supply review process, or in the case of Operational Plan reviews, the date on which Kwicksutaineuk/Ah’Kwaw’Ah’Mish First Nation receives the plan to be reviewed. Where an emergency operation arises and/or expedited operation has to occur, or for circumstances where the review and comment period for an operational plan is reduced below 60 days by a ministry decision maker for reasons other than emergency or expedited operations, the Response Period will be shortened accordingly, but will not be less than the time period for review and comment of Operational Plans for those operations. The Parties may also mutually agree to adjust the Response Period at any time.
- 1.7 “Traditional Territory” means the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah’Kwaw’Ah’Mish First Nation asserted traditional territory as shown on bold black on the map attached in Appendix A.
- 1.8 “Licensee” means a holder of a Forest Tenure.

2.0 Purpose

The purposes of this Agreement are to:

- 2.1 Increase the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's opportunity for participation in the forest sector.
- 2.2 Provide economic benefits to the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation through a forest tenure opportunity and the sharing of revenues received by the Government of British Columbia from forest resource development.
- 2.3 Address consultation and to provide an interim workable accommodation, as set out in this Agreement, with regard to any infringements of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests that result from Administrative Decisions and/or Operational Decisions relating to forest resource development within the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Traditional Territory, during the term of this Agreement.
- 2.4 Provide a period of stability to forest resource development on Crown lands within the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation Traditional Territory during the term of this Agreement, while longer term interests are addressed through other agreements or processes.

3.0 Economic Benefits to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation

During the term of this Agreement, the Government of British Columbia will adopt the consultation processes set out in sections 4 and 5 of this Agreement and will provide the following economic benefits to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation to address consultation and to provide an interim workable accommodation, as set out in this Agreement, in respect of any infringements of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests that result from Administrative Decisions and/or Operational Decisions relating to forest resource development within the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Traditional Territory.

3.1 Forest Tenure

After the execution of this agreement by the Parties, the Minister will invite Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation to apply under section 47.3 of the *Forest Act* for a non-replaceable licence (the "licence") for up to 13,500 cubic meters annually in the Kingcome Timber Supply Area.

- 3.1.1 For greater certainty, the maximum volume that may be available under the licence referred to in Section 3.1 will be up to 67,500 cubic meters over 5 years.
- 3.1.2 An invitation to apply for a licence (an "invitation") and any licence entered into as a result of an invitation will be subject to the policies, regulations and statutes of British Columbia as amended from time to time.
- 3.1.3 An invitation:
 - 3.1.3.1 will be subject to a condition that prior to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation making an application for the licence, the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation must contact and work together with the Ministry of Forests personnel to assist the Ministry of Forests to identify the location of an operating area for the licence within the Kingcome Timber Supply Area, which to the extent that it is operationally feasible will be within the Traditional Territory; and
 - 3.1.3.2 will contain terms and conditions required by the Minister.
- 3.1.4 A licence entered into as a result of an invitation
 - 3.1.4.1 will be for a term of no longer than 5 years, as determined by the Minister;
 - 3.1.4.2 will contain other terms and conditions required by law, including the condition that Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation must comply with this agreement; and,

3.1.4.3 will include other terms and conditions as may be required by the regional manager including a term that Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation may not divide, subdivide, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the licence or an interest in the licence except in accordance with Section 54(4) of the *Forest Act*.

3.1.5 If the term of the licence entered into as a result of an invitation to apply under this Agreement exceeds the term of this Agreement, then that licence may be referenced in and considered to be an economic benefit that addresses consultation and provides an interim workable accommodation in respect of any infringement of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation Aboriginal Interests, in any subsequent Forest Agreement between Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation and the Government of British Columbia, for the purposes described in Section 3.0.

3.1.6 Subject to:

3.1.6.1 The Government of British Columbia and Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation entering into another interim measures agreement providing for an invitation to apply for a licence; and,

3.1.6.2 the Minister determining that there is sufficient volume of timber available for disposition to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation,

the Minister may invite Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation to apply for a subsequent licence under the *Forest Act* for a term that would commence after the expiry of this Agreement.

3.2 Revenue Sharing

3.2.1 During the term of this Agreement, the Government of British Columbia will pay to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation \$124,750 annually for purposes described in Section 3.0.

- 3.2.2 The funding commitment set out in section 3.2.1 is subject to the availability of annual appropriations for that purpose by the Government of British Columbia.
- 3.2.3 For the purposes of determining amounts for partial years, one-fourth (i.e. $\frac{1}{4}$) of the annual amount will be used for each fiscal quarter or part thereof that the Agreement is in effect. Payments will be made quarterly.
- 3.2.4 Upon signing of this Agreement, the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation will be paid the full revenues for the quarter in which the Agreement is signed, with subsequent payments being made at the end of each quarter.
- 3.2.5 Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation will maintain financial records and prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for each year of this Agreement.
- 3.2.6 Upon request, Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation will conduct an audit of the revenue sharing expenditures and will provide a copy of the audit to the Government of British Columbia.
- 3.2.7 The Government of British Columbia will not seek to direct or influence the expenditure of the revenue sharing funds by the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation.
- 3.2.8 The revenue sharing set out in this Agreement reflects an amount that the Government of British Columbia is willing to pay, subject to available appropriations, as an interim measure and Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation has agreed to accept as an interim measure for the term of this Agreement.

4.0 Consultation and Accommodation Regarding Operational Plans

- 4.1 The Government of British Columbia agrees to consult with Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation on Operational Plans that may potentially infringe Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests within the Traditional Territory, except for any economic component of those interests or rights that the Parties agree are addressed by the economic benefits provided for under Section 3.0 of this Agreement.

- 4.2 During the term of this Agreement, Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation agrees that the Government of British Columbia has fulfilled its duties to consult and to seek interim workable accommodation with respect to the economic component of potential infringements of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests in the context of Operational Decisions that the Government of British Columbia will make and any forest development activities that may be carried out under an Operational Plan in Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Traditional Territory.
- 4.3 Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation agrees to fully participate, as set out in this section, in the review of all Operational Plans dealing with forest development within the Traditional Territory provided to them by the Government of British Columbia, and by Licensees.
- 4.4 In reviewing and responding to an Operational Plan submitted to them, Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation will, within the Response Period, provide the Party that supplied the plan to them with all reasonably available information that will identify any potential impacts to their Aboriginal Interests that may result from the forestry development activities within the Traditional Territory, other than the economic component of those Interests or rights that the Parties agree are addressed by the economic benefits provided for under Section 3.0.
- 4.5 Upon receiving the response from Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation as specified in Section 4.4, the Government of British Columbia and/or the Licensee will discuss and attempt to resolve with Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation any site specific operational impacts on Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests that may occur as a result of proposed forest development activities within the Traditional Territory, other than the economic component of those Aboriginal Interests that the Parties agree are addressed by the economic benefits provided for under Section 3.0.
- 4.6 If no response is received from Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation within the Response Period, then the Government of British Columbia may assume that Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation does not intend to respond or participate in the consultation process in respect of the Operational Plan and that a decision on the Operational Plan may proceed.

- 4.7 Prior to the decision, the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation will be provided with the licensee and/or the Ministry of Forests response addressing the First Nation's Aboriginal Interests raised through the operational planning consultation process.
- 4.8 In making a final decision on an Operational Plan, the Government of British Columbia decision maker will fully consider information he/she receives from Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation, whether received directly or through a Licensee, and will consider whether concerns identified by Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation have been addressed.
- 4.9 The Government of British Columbia will provide the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation with a copy of the approval letter for all operational plans.

5.0 Consultation and Accommodation Respecting Administrative Decisions

- 5.1 The Government of British Columbia will provide to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation on an annual basis a list of all proposed Administrative Decisions anticipated within the year that will have an effect in the Traditional Territory, and either upon the request of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation or when the Government of British Columbia becomes aware of other proposed Administrative Decisions, will provide to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation an updated list.
- 5.2 The Government of British Columbia will meet with Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation at mutually agreed times throughout the year to explain the pending Administrative Decisions, to provide information relevant to those decisions and to provide an opportunity for Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation to make known to representatives of the Government of British Columbia their concerns and comments relative to the effect of the Administrative Decision(s) on their Aboriginal Interests within the Traditional Territory.
- 5.3 The Government of British Columbia will ensure the opportunity for the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation to participate, as set out in Section 5.4, in timber supply review processes that will lead to AAC determinations made pursuant to Section 8 of the *Forest Act* for the Kingcome Timber Supply Area and Tree Farm Licence 39.

- 5.4 Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation agrees to fully participate, within the Response Period, in timber supply review processes by providing all reasonably available information about their Aboriginal Interests within the Traditional Territory potentially affected by AAC determinations to be made pursuant to Section 8 of the *Forest Act*.
- 5.5 If after considering the concerns and comments of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation, the statutory decision maker is of the opinion that an Administrative Decision creates a potential infringement of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests that is not adequately addressed by the economic benefits provided by the Government of British Columbia in Section 3.0, the statutory decision maker will seek to address the concerns and comments in the Administrative Decision or through the process in Section 4.0 of this Agreement.
- 5.6 The Government of British Columbia will provide a response to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation as to how their concerns raised in Section 5.2 have been addressed.
- 5.7 Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation agrees that in consideration of the economic benefits provided by the Government of British Columbia in Section 3.0 and adherence to the consultation processes in Sections 4.0 and 5.0 of this Agreement, the Government of British Columbia has fulfilled its duties to consult and to seek an interim workable accommodation with respect to the economic component of potential infringements of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests resulting from Administrative Decisions made by statutory decision makers from time to time during the term of this Agreement.
- 5.8 Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation further agrees that, in consideration of Sections 5.1 to 5.7 of this Agreement, the Government of British Columbia has, for the purposes of this Agreement, developed an adequate consultation and interim workable accommodation process with respect to potential infringements of their Aboriginal Interests resulting from Administrative Decisions made by statutory decision makers from time to time during the term of this Agreement that may go beyond the economic component of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests .

6.0 Stability for Land and Resource Use

- 6.1 Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation will respond immediately to any discussions initiated by the Government of British Columbia and will work co-operatively to assist in resolving any issues that may arise where acts of intentional interference by Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation members with provincially authorized activities related to forestry and/or range resource development, including timber harvesting or other forestry economic activities, occur.

7.0 Dispute Resolution

- 7.1 If a dispute arises between the Government of British Columbia and Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation regarding the interpretation of a provision of this Agreement, the Parties or their duly appointed representatives will meet as soon as is practicable to attempt to resolve the dispute.
- 7.2 The Parties may choose other appropriate approaches to assist in reaching resolution of the interpretation issue.

8.0 Term

- 8.1 This Agreement takes effect on the reference date, that date being March 30, 2004 as above written.
- 8.2 This Agreement will terminate on the occurrence of the earliest of any of the following events:
- five years from the date this Agreement is executed; or
 - the coming into effect of a treaty between the Parties; or
 - the mutual agreement of the Parties; or
 - the date on which the Government of British Columbia cancels the economic benefit(s) under this Agreement pursuant to Section 9.0; or
 - at the option of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation, in the event only that the Government of British Columbia fails to deliver any economic benefits pursuant to Section 3.0 of this Agreement.

9.0 Suspension or Cancellation of Economic Benefits by the Minister

- 9.1 Without limiting the actions that may be taken by the Minister of Forests or by the Government of British Columbia, the Minister or a person authorized by the Minister may suspend or cancel revenue sharing payments and the licence(s) entered into as a result of the invitation under this Agreement, if the Minister or a person authorized by the Minister determines that Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation is not in compliance with this Agreement.
- 9.2 Prior to taking any action referred to in Section 9.1, the Government of British Columbia will provide notice to Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation of any alleged contravention of this Agreement that may lead Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation being determined to not be in compliance with this Agreement.
- 9.3 If, during the term of this Agreement, Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation challenges or supports a challenge to, an Administrative Decision and/or Operational Decision or an Operational Plan or activities carried out pursuant to those decisions/plans, by way of legal proceedings or otherwise, on the basis that the economic benefits set out in Section 3.0, and the consultation processes set out in Sections 4.0 and 5.0 of this Agreement are not adequate or sufficient to
- 9.3.1 provide adequate consultation, to substantially address Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's concerns and to provide an interim workable accommodation in respect of any potential infringements of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests with regard to Administrative Decisions relating to forest resource development within the Traditional Territory, or
- 9.3.2 substantially address the economic component of Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation's Aboriginal Interests with regard to Operational Decisions relating to forest resource development within the Traditional Territory,

then, without limiting any other remedies that may be available to the Government of British Columbia, the Government of British Columbia may suspend or cancel the economic benefits set out in Section 3.0.

- 9.4 If the Minister or a person authorized by the Minister cancels any economic benefits as a result of this Agreement, then this Agreement may be terminated.

10.0 Renewal of the Agreement

- 10.1 Prior to this Agreement terminating in accordance with Section 8.2, and subject to Section 3.2.8, if the terms and conditions of this Agreement are being met, the Government of British Columbia and Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation will seek the necessary authorities and approvals to renew this Agreement.
- 10.2 Any subsequent forestry agreement between the Government of British Columbia and Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation may provide for an opportunity to acquire a licence, and/or other economic benefits, as well as other terms and conditions that are agreed to by the Parties.

11.0 Amendment of Agreement

- 11.1 Any alteration or amendment to the terms and conditions of the Agreement must be in writing and duly executed by the Parties.
- 11.2 The Government of British Columbia and the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation will independently review the effectiveness of this Agreement annually and may meet to consider amendments to this Agreement if jointly considered necessary.

12.0 Entire Agreement

- 12.1 This Agreement and any amendment to it constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

13.0 Notice

- 13.1 Any notice or other communication that is required to be given or that a Party wishes to give to the other Party with respect to this Agreement, will be in writing and will be effective if delivered, sent by registered mail, or transmitted by facsimile to the address of the other Party as in this section of the Agreement.

- 13.2 Any notice or other communications will be deemed to have been given on the date it is actually received, if received before 4:00 p.m. If received after 4:00 p.m., it will be deemed to have been received on the next business day.
- 13.3 The address of either Party may be changed by notice in the manner set out in this section of the Agreement.

British Columbia

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Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation

Chief and Council
Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation
General Delivery
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And will also be copied to:

President
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(a corporation of the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation)
P.O. Box 10,
Alert Bay, BC V0N 1A0
Phone: (250) 974-3004
Fax: (250) 974-3007

14.0 Miscellaneous

- 14.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner that requires the Government of British Columbia to act in a manner inconsistent with provincial or federal law, or that fetters the statutory discretion of any government decision-maker.

- 14.2 This Agreement is not a treaty or a lands claims agreement within the meaning of section 25 and 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and does not recognise, define, amend, affirm, deny or limit any priorities afforded to aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title, or treaty rights, other than as provided in this Agreement.
- 14.3 This Agreement applies to Crown land, land managed under Forest Tenures issued by the Government of British Columbia and /or forestry activities on lands authorized by Operational Decisions and/or Administrative Decisions.
- 14.4 Subject to Section 9.3, this Agreement will not limit the positions that a Party may take in future negotiations or court actions.
- 14.5 This Agreement shall not be interpreted as addressing any potential infringements other than potential infringements that may result from decisions contemplated by this Agreement during the term of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to authorize any infringement that may occur following the termination of this Agreement.
- 14.6 The Parties differ on the question of the existence or extent of any duty or duties of consultation and/or accommodation owed by forest licensees to the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation. Nothing in the Agreement, or the fact that the Parties have entered in to this Agreement, is intended to limit or prejudice the position that either Party may take in litigation or other negotiations on the existence or extent of any duty or duties of consultation and/or accommodation owed by forest licensees or other third parties to the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'Kwaw'Ah'Mish First Nation.
- 14.7 Any reference to a statute in this Agreement includes all regulations made under that statute and any amendments or replacement of that statute and its regulations.
- 14.8 There will be no presumption that any ambiguity in any of the terms of this Agreement should be interpreted in favour of either Party.
- 14.9 The applicable laws of British Columbia and Canada shall govern this Agreement.

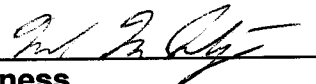
14.10 This Agreement may be entered into by each Party signing a separate copy of this Agreement, including a photocopy or faxed copy, and delivering it to the other Party by fax. Each facsimile will be deemed to be an original for all purposes and all counterparts taken together will be deemed to constitute one document.

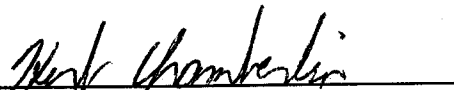
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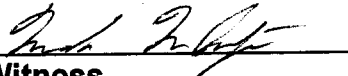
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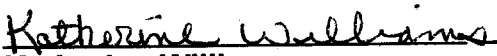
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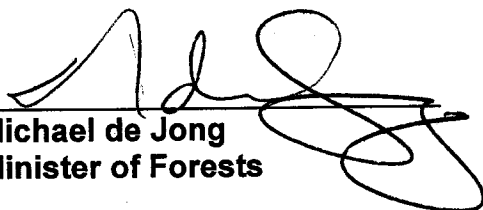

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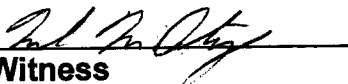

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Signed on behalf of:

Government of British Columbia

Date: April 5, 2004


Michael de Jong
Minister of Forests


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Appendix A

**THE ASSERTED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY
OF THE KWICKSUTAINIUK/AH'KAW'AH'MISH FIRST NATION**

KWICKSUTAINUK/AHKWAHA'MISH
TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

