# PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA Ministry of Forests and Range

#### IN THE MATTER OF TREE FARM LICENCE 18

# INSTRUMENT by ORDER NUMBER 9

| Amendment |  |
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THIS AGREEMENT is made effective by Ministerial Decision on  $\underline{9}^{th}$  day of March, 2020

### **BETWEEN:**

THE MINISTER OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS, AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, on behalf of HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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Victoria, British Columbia
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(the "Licensor")

#### **AND:**

## INTERFOR COPORATION

C/O Adams Lake Lumber Division 9200 Holding Road Chase, BC V0E 1M2

(the "Licensee")

## **WHEREAS:**

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of the *Forest Act*, the Licensor approved the disposition of Tree Farm Licence 18 to the Licensee, dated February 27, 2020,
- B. The Licensee provided a Notice of Completion of the disposition to the Minister, dated March 9, 2020.

#### THEREFORE:

- 1. In accordance with Section 54.2(2) of the *Forest Act*, upon completion of the disposition of Tree Farm Licence 18, the Licensee has become the holder of Tree Farm Licence 18 effective the date of the Notice of Completion of March April 9, 2020.
- 2. For the purpose of Tree Farm Licence 18 the Licensee is changed to:

INTERFOR COPORATION

C/O Adams Lake Lumber Division

9200 Holding Road

Chase, British Columbia

V0E 1M2

Phone: (250) 679-6821

INSTRUMENT MADE EFFECTIVE BY MINISTERIAL DECISION UNDER SECTION 54 OF THE *FOREST ACT*.

Signed by the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development on February 27, 2020



File: 19040-20/1292 Reference: 252610

February 27, 2020

## EMAIL: peter.baird@canfor.com

Peter Baird, Director, Forest Planning Canadian Forest Products Ltd. 5162 Northwood Pulp Mill Road Post Office Box 9000 Prince George, British Columbia V2L 4W2

## EMAIL: ric.slaco@interfor.com

Ric Slaco, Vice President & Chief Forester Interfor Corporation 3500 – 1055 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, British Columbia V7X 1H7

#### Dear Peter Baird and Ric Slaco:

I am writing in response to your June 3, 2019 Notice of Intended Disposition of an Agreement (NOID) requesting the transfer of Tree Farm Licence (TFL 18), Replaceable Forest Licence (RFL) A18688, and associated road permits from Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor) to Interfor Corporation (Interfor).

I have reviewed the details of the proposed dispositions and I am satisfied that the requirements set out in Section 54 of the *Forest Act* have been met. In accordance with Section 54 (2)(a) of the *Forest Act*, I hereby provide approval for the disposition.

I have also reviewed your submission dated November 7, 2019, to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development titled, "Bill 22 Proposal to Transfer Forest Licence A18688 and Tree Farm Licence 18 from Canadian Forest Products Ltd. to Interfor Corporation", as well as information provided by the public, First Nations and numerous stakeholders.

It is, therefore, my expectation that Interfor:

- Will, up to 12 months after the date of the closing of the tenure transfer(s), make 40,000 m<sup>3</sup> of the annual allowable cut (AAC) of RFL A18688 available for purchase by the Simpcw First Nation under the commercial terms specified in Canfor's letter of February 10, 2020, as agreed to by Interfor.
- 2. Will follow through with the Simpcw First Nation regarding the Stewardship Program outlined in your submission, to increase Simpcw First Nation's involvement in land management over their traditional territory, implement Simpcw First Nation conservation

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- principles with a focus on riparian and access management, and support capacity building for Simpow First Nation contractor development to provide a range of forestry services.
- 3. Will continue to build relationships on areas of mutual interest with First Nations whose territories overlap TFL 18 and operations in the Kamloops Timber Supply Area under RFL A18688. As per the table provided on Page 17 of your submission, this includes, but is not limited to:

| First Nation        | n Areas of Cooperation                                      |  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Simpew              | Tenure Volume, Joint Decision Making, Forestry Business     |  |
| Canim Lake          | Have deferred to Simpow First Nation                        |  |
| Adams Lake          | \$20,000 for Upper Adams River Salmon Program, Business-to- |  |
|                     | Business (B2B) Opportunities                                |  |
| Little Shuswap Lake | Shuswap Lake B2B Opportunities                              |  |
| Neskonlith          | Duplicate Cultural Heritage Assessments on a limited basis  |  |
| Bonaparte           | B2B Opportunities, Improving NRFL Performance (Salvage)     |  |

4. Will continue discussions with local secondary and value-added manufacturers in the North and South Thompson, with the goal of entering into log purchasing and fibre supply agreements based on commercially acceptable terms. As per the table provided on Page 12 of your submission, these businesses include, but are not limited to:

| Customer                      | Log Profile                     | Location<br>Barriere |  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Gilbert Smith Forest Products | Cedar                           |                      |  |
| Woodco                        | Oversize Spruce and Douglas-fir | Barriere             |  |
| Skeetchestn Indian Band       | Oversize Douglas-fir            | Savona               |  |
| John Sedgewick                | Small Diameter Cedar and Tops   | Clearwater           |  |
| Brett Colborne                | Oversize Spruce                 | Clearwater           |  |
| Stella Jones                  | Cedar Poles                     | Salmon Arm           |  |

- 5. Will continue discussions with the District of Clearwater to ensure a fibre supply for the District Heating System.
- 6. Will submit to the Thompson Rivers Natural Resource District, within 30 days of the date of the closing of the tenure transfers, a comprehensive strategy that addresses all blocks under the tenures acquired through this disposition that have incomplete harvesting, prioritizing attention to those that have felled timber currently onsite.
- 7. Will continue, as per the commitments made on Page 14 of your submission, to work with the collective contractor group in the North Thompson to distribute the available harvesting, road, and bridge construction work amongst Interfor contractors and those who had previously worked with Canfor, and to expand your existing hub of contractors and workers into the Clearwater/North Thompson area.

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- 8. Will continue, as per the commitments made on Page 14 of your submission, to work with displaced woodlands employees (Vavenby) on further opportunities for employment.
- 9. Will move forward on exploring continued investment in their Adams Lake sawmill as identified in Interfor's August 8, 2019 Quarterly Report; "Upon closing the transaction, Interfor will pursue a follow-on, high return investment opportunity by adding a new dry kiln to support additional value-added processing at the Adams Lake mill."

I have reviewed Canfor's proposal of November 7, 2019 and the letter of February 27, 2020 regarding additional commitments

It is, therefore, my expectation that Canfor:

- 1. Will provide a \$150,000 funding commitment over a 5 year period to the United Way, commencing in 2020.
- 2. Will establish a \$200,000 Legacy fund for the District of Clearwater to use at the District's discretion.
- 3. Will provide \$500,000 in funding to the Wells Grey Community Forest to allow for the purchase of tenure from the Simpow.

In accordance with Section 54 (2)(f)(i) of the *Forest Act*, the disposition must be completed no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this notice. If the disposition in question is not completed as of this date, this notice will become null and void. Extensions to this deadline will be given consideration upon my receiving a written request.

As per Section 54.2 of the *Forest Act*, you are required to confirm the completion of the disposition within seven calendar days of completion. Please provide this confirmation in writing to:

Doug Kelly, Director, Forest Tenures Branch
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
P.O. Box 9510, Stn Prov Govt, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2975 Jutland Road
Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 9C2
Email: Doug.Kelly@gov.bc.ca

Please note that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development will not recognize the disposition unless all money due in respect to the agreement has been paid or dealt with in accordance with Section 54 (2)(b) of the *Forest Act*.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Baumber, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (778) 974-4047.

Peter Baird, Director, Canadian Forest Products Ltd. Ric Slaco, Interfor Corporation

Sincerely,

Doug Donaldson

Minister

pc: John Allan, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource

Operations and Rural Development

Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister

Rural Opportunities, Tenures and Engineering Division

Paul Rasmussen, Assistant Deputy Minister, South Area

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Steve Baumber, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch

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Division, South Area

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# CANADIAN FOREST PRODUCTS LTD. INTERFOR CORPORATION

March 9, 2020

Mr. Doug Kelly Director, Forest Tenures Branch Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development P.O. Box 9510 Stn Prov Govt, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2975 Jutland Road, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9C2

Dear Director:

Re: Disposition of Tree Farm Licence No. 18 and Forest Licence No. A18688 and Associated Road Permits

Further to the approval letter from Minister Donaldson dated February 27, 2020 issued in response to our Notice of Intended Disposition dated June 3, 2019, and as required by section 54.2 of the *Forest Act* (British Columbia), we hereby confirm completion today of the disposition of Forest Licence No. A18688 and Tree Farm Licence 18 and associated road permits from Canadian Forest Products Ltd. to Interfor Corporation.

Yours truly,

By:

Canadian Forest Products Ltd.

David Calabrigo

Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, Legal Affairs and

Corporate Secretary

Interfor Corporation

By:

Martin Juravsky

Senior Vice President & Chief

Financial Officer