# Adams Lake Indian Band Interim Agreement on Forest & Range Opportunities (the "Agreement")

#### Between: The Adams Lake Indian Band

As represented by Chief and Council (the "Adams Lake Indian Band")

#### And

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

As represented by the Minister of Forests and Range

("British Columbia")

(collectively the "Parties")

#### WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia and First Nations Leadership Council, representing the Assembly of First Nations-BC Region, First Nations Summit, and Union of BC Indian Chiefs ("Leadership Council") have entered into a New Relationship in which they are committed to reconciliation of Aboriginal and Crown titles and jurisdiction, and have agreed to implement a government-to-government relationship based on respect, recognition and accommodation of Aboriginal title and rights.
- B. This Agreement is in the spirit and vision of the "New Relationship".
- C. Work is underway regarding the implementation of the New Relationship and that this Agreement may need to be amended in the future to reflect the outcomes of that work.
- D. The Adams Lake Indian Band has a relationship to the land that is important to its culture and the maintenance of its community, governance and economy.
- E. The Adams Lake Indian Band has Aboriginal Interests within its Traditional Territory.

- F. The Parties wish to enter into an interim measures agreement in relation to forest and/or range resource development within the Traditional Territory.
- G. References in this Agreement to Crown Lands are without prejudice to the Adams Lake Indian Band's Aboriginal title and/or rights claims over those lands.
- H. British Columbia intends to consult and to seek an Interim Accommodation with the Adams Lake Indian Band on forest and/or range resource development activities proposed within the Adams Lake Indian Band Traditional Territory that may lead to the infringement of the Adams Lake Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests.
- I. The Adams Lake Indian Band intends to participate in any consultation with British Columbia or information sharing process with a Licensee, in relation to forest and/or range resource development activities proposed within the Adams Lake Indian Band's Traditional Territory, that may lead to an infringement of the Adams Lake Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests.
- J. British Columbia and the Adams Lake Indian Band wish to resolve issues relating to forest and/or range resource development where possible through negotiation as opposed to litigation.
- K. Adams Lake Indian band hopes that this interim measures agreement will represent an initial step towards their longer term goal of achieving a longterm, economically viable, renewable forest tenure, such as a Community Forest Agreement.

#### THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1.0 Definitions

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

- "Operational Decision" means a decision that is made by a person with respect to the statutory approval of an Operational Plan that has potential effect in the Adams Lake Indian Band's Traditional Territory.
- 1.2 "Operational Plan" means a Forest Development Plan, Forest Stewardship Plan, Woodlot Licence Plan, a Range Use Plan, or Range Stewardship Plan that has a potential effect in the Adams Lake Indian Band's Traditional Territory.

- 1.3 "Aboriginal Interests" means aboriginal rights and/or aboriginal title.
- 1.4 "Administrative Decision" means one or more of the following decisions made by a person under forestry legislation.
  - The making, varying, or postponing of Allowable Annual Cut determinations (AAC) for a Timber Supply Area or a Forest Tenure;
  - The issuance, consolidation, subdivision, amendment or boundary adjustment of a Forest Tenure or a Range Tenure;
  - The adjustment of Animal Unit Months in a Range Tenure;
  - The extension of the term of, or replacement of a Forest and/or Range Tenure;
  - The disposition of volumes of timber arising from undercut decisions on a Forest Tenure;
  - The conversion of a Forest Tenure to a different form of Forest Tenure;
  - The reallocation of harvesting rights as a result of the implementation of the Forestry Revitalization Act.;
  - The issuance of a Special Use Permit;
  - The decision regarding approval or extension of a Tree Farm Licence Management Plan, Community Forest Management Plan and/or Woodlot Licence Management Plan;
  - The deletion or addition of provincial forest;
  - The transfer of AAC between Timber Supply Areas;
  - The removal of private land from a Woodlot Licence or a Tree Farm Licence; and
  - The establishment of an interpretive forest site, recreation site, and recreation trail.
- 1.5 "Forest Tenure" means an agreement granting rights to harvest Crown timber as defined in the *Forest Act*.
- 1.6 "Range Tenure" means an agreement granting rights over Crown range as defined in the *Range Act*.
- 1.7 "Traditional Territory" means the Adams Lake Indian Band's Traditional Territory as shown on bold black on the map attached in Appendix A.
- 1.8 "Licensee" means a holder of a Forest Tenure or a Range Tenure.
- 1.9 "Interim Accommodation" means an accommodation provided in this Agreement, of the potential infringements of the economic component of the Adams Lake Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests arising from or as a result of forest and range development, prior to

the full reconciliation of these Interests. The revenue component reflects the present budget limitations of the Minister of Forests and Range. It is acknowledged that other accommodations, including economic accommodations, may be jointly developed by the Parties during the term of this Agreement.

#### 2.0 Purpose and Objectives

The purposes and objectives of this Agreement are to:

- 2.1 Create viable economic opportunities and to assist in the improvement of social conditions of the Adams Lake Indian Band through economic diversification.
- 2.2 Provide interim payment and other economic benefits to the Adams Lake Indian Band through a forest tenure opportunity and/or economic benefits related to forestry received by British Columbia from forest resource development.
- 2.3 Address consultation and provide Interim Accommodation, as set out in this Agreement.
- 2.4 Provide a period of stability to forest and/or range resource development on Crown lands within the Traditional Territory of the Adams Lake Indian Band during the term of this Agreement, while longer term interests are addressed through other agreements or processes.

#### 3.0 Economic Benefits to the Adams Lake Indian Band

During the term of this Agreement, British Columbia will provide one or more of the following economic benefits to the Adams Lake Indian Band:

#### 3.1 Forest Tenure

- 3.1.1 For the purposes of the provisions of section 3.1, Licence includes a non-replaceable Forest Licence, a Forestry Licence to Cut, a Woodlot Licence or other forms of agreement as agreed to by the Parties.
- 3.1.2 After the execution of this Agreement, and if applicable, once volume becomes available through the timber reallocation process, the Minister will invite the Adams Lake Indian Band, or such legal entity as the Adams Lake Indian Band has

appointed as its representative to hold the licence to apply under the *Forest Act* for a non–replaceable forest licence (the "Licence") on a non-competitive basis with a component coming from forest revitalization for up to 20 800 cubic meters annually in the Kamloops Timber Supply Area(s) and a further component from Mountain Pine Beetle volume in the Kamloops Timber Supply Area for up to 16 709 cubic meters annually for five years.

- 3.1.3 For greater certainty, the maximum volume that may be available under the Licences referred to in Section 3.1.1 will be up to 187 545 cubic meters over five years.
- 3.1.4 The Parties will strive to ensure that the assigned operating area for the Licence in the Kamloops Timber Supply Area has a representative timber profile and logging chance relative to other licensees and BC Timber Sales, taking into account the quality of timber, access and commercial viability. Prior to the Adams Lake Indian Band making an application for the Licence, the Parties will work together to identify the location of an operating area for the Licence, which to the extent that it is operationally feasible will be within the Traditional Territory.
- 3.1.5 The Licence entered into as a result of an invitation under section 3.1 will be for a term of five years.
- 3.1.6 If the intended holder of the licence is a legal entity other than the Adams Lake Indian Band, the Adams Lake Indian Band must supply the Government of British Columbia with the supporting documentation stating that, the intended holder has been validly appointed by the Adams Lake Indian Band as its representative. Refer to Appendix B.
- 3.1.7 If the Licence remains in effect beyond the term of this Agreement, the Licence will continue to be considered by the Parties to be Interim Accommodation until the Licence expires or is terminated.
- 3.1.8 The Minister may invite the Adams Lake Indian Band to apply for a subsequent Licence under the *Forest Act* for a term that would commence after the expiry of this Agreement.

#### 3.2 Range Tenure

If Crown range vacancy is available for disposition to Adams Lake Indian Band, then subject to the *Range Act*, the Kamloops District Manager or the Okanagan Shuswap District Manager may be directed to enter into a Range Permit(s), within Adams Lake Indian Band Traditional Territory to the Adams Lake Indian Band for up to 800 Animal Unit Months (AUMs).

#### 3.3 Interim Payment

- 3.3.1 During the term of this Agreement, British Columbia will make an interim payment to the Adams Lake Indian Band of approximately \$348,858 annually.
- 3.3.2 The funding commitment set out in section 3.3.1 is subject to the availability of annual appropriations for that purpose by British Columbia.
- 3.3.3 For the purposes of determining amounts for partial years, one-fourth (i.e. 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.
- 3.3.4 Upon signing of this Agreement, the Adams Lake Indian Band will be paid the full revenues for the quarter in which the Agreement is signed (e.g. if this Agreement is signed at the end of the quarter, the FN would receive payment for that entire quarter), with subsequent payments being made at the end of each quarter.
- 3.3.5 British Columbia will not seek to direct or influence the expenditure of the funds provided to the First Nation.

## 4.0 <u>Consultation and Accommodation Regarding Operational and Administrative Decisions and Plans</u>

4.1 The Adams Lake Indian Band is entitled to full consultation with respect to all potential infringements of their Aboriginal Interests arising from any Operational or Administrative Decisions or Plans affecting the Adams Lake Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests, regardless of benefits provided under this Agreement.

- 4.2 During the term of this Agreement, and subject to the terms and the intent of this Agreement being met and adherence by British Columbia, the Adams Lake Indian Band agrees that British Columbia will have provided an Interim Accommodation with respect to the economic component of potential infringements of the Adams Lake Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests as an interim measure as a result of forest and/or range activities occurring within their Traditional Territory.
- 4.3 The interim payment set out in this Agreement reflects an amount that British Columbia, through the Minister of Forests and Range is able to pay as an interim measure, which the Adams Lake Indian Band has agreed to accept.
- 4.4 The Province acknowledges that the timber opportunities and funding provided through this Agreement are an interim accommodation only and that broader processes are underway that will assist in determining the appropriate accommodation in respect of impacts on the Adams Lake Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests as a result of forest and/or range activities occurring within their Traditional Territory.
- 4.5 Nothing in this Agreement restricts the ability of Adams Lake Indian Band to seek additional accommodation for impacts on its Aboriginal Interests from forest resource development within its Traditional Territory.
- 4.6 The Parties agree to develop consultation processes, guided by the consultation framework in appendix C, to address both Operational and Administrative Decisions and Operational Plans which may affect the Adams Lake Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests within their Traditional Territory.
- 4.7 In developing such consultation processes, the Parties further agree to address consultation on Administrative Decisions, Operational Decisions and Operational Plans through participation of the Adams Lake Indian Band in strategic level planning and policy development processes.
- 4.8 Unless agreed to otherwise, the Parties will use every reasonable effort to agree upon a consultation process within 3 months of signing this Agreement and, in helping to achieve this, will endeavour to develop draft processes to govern consultation under this Agreement within 45 days after signing this Agreement.

4.9 Where Adams Lake Indian Band is a member of a larger Tribal Nation, this Agreement does not limit the obligation of British Columbia to fulfil its consultation obligations with the Tribal Nation.

#### 5.0 <u>Dispute Resolution</u>

- 5.1 If a dispute arises between British Columbia and the Adams Lake Indian Band 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.
- 5.2 If the Parties are unable to resolve differences at the appropriate level, the interpretation issue will be raised to more senior levels of British Columbia and the Adams Lake Indian Band.
- 5.3 If the interpretation dispute cannot be resolved by the Parties directly, they may appoint an independent and mutually agreeable mediator to resolve that dispute within 60 days, or such period as agreed upon, or the Parties may choose other appropriate approaches to assist in reaching resolution of the interpretation issue.

#### 6.0 Term and Termination

- 6.1 The term of this Agreement is five years.
- 6.2 This Agreement will take effect on the date on which the last Party has executed it.
- 6.3 This Agreement will terminate on the occurrence of the earliest of any of the following events: expiry of its term; 90 days notice; or mutual agreement of the parties.
- 6.4 Neither Party shall terminate this Agreement on the grounds that the other Party has challenged an Administrative or Operational Decision by way of legal proceedings.
- 6.5 Prior to the expiry of the 90 days, when 90 day notice of termination has been given under Section 6.3, the Parties agree to meet and endeavour to resolve the issue that has given rise to the 90 day notice of termination.

#### 7.0 Renewal of the Agreement

- 7.1 Prior to the expiry of the term of this Agreement, if the terms and conditions of this Agreement are being met, British Columbia and the Adams Lake Indian Band will seek the necessary authorities and approvals to enter into negotiations to renew this Agreement, or to conclude a new forestry agreement, consistent with the New Relationship.
- 7.2 Any subsequent forestry agreement between British Columbia and the Adams Lake Indian Band may provide for an opportunity to acquire a licence, other forest tenures, and/or other economic benefits, as well as other terms and conditions that are agreed to by the Parties.

#### 8.0 Amendment of Agreement

- 8.1 Any alteration or amendment to the terms and conditions of the Agreement must be in writing and duly executed by the Parties.
- 8.2 Either Party may request the participation of the other Party to review the effectiveness of this Agreement annually and consider amendments to this Agreement.
- 8.3 The Parties agree that new approaches for consultation and accommodation, including benefit and revenue sharing, will be developed as a priority under the New Relationship by British Columbia and the Leadership Council. The Adams Lake Indian Band may choose to opt into such approaches as they become available, through amendment of this Agreement or other mutually agreeable methods.

#### 9.0 Entire Agreement

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

#### 10.0 Notice

10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 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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#### 11.0 Miscellaneous

- 11.1 This Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with provincial, federal and constitutional law.
- 11.2 This Agreement is not a treaty or a land claims agreement within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* and does not define or amend aboriginal rights, or limit any priorities afforded to aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title.
- 11.3 This Agreement does not address or prejudice conflicting interests or competing claims between First Nations.
- 11.4 This Agreement is without prejudice to the positions that a Party may take in future negotiations or in current or future legal proceedings, except as provided by this Agreement.

- 11.5 The Province acknowledges and enters into this Agreement on the basis that the Adams Lake Indian Band has Aboriginal Interests within their Traditional Territory and further that the specific nature, scope or geographic extent of Aboriginal Interests of the Adams Lake Indian Band have not yet been determined. Broader processes engaged in to bring about reconciliation will result in a common understanding of the nature, scope and geographic extent of Aboriginal Interests or treaty interests of the Adams Lake Indian Band.
- 11.6 Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to authorize any infringement that may occur following the termination of this Agreement, even if that infringement is caused by a decision that was made during the term of this Agreement.
- 11.7 This Agreement does not address or affect any claims by the Adams Lake Indian Band regarding infringement of its Aboriginal Interests arising from past Operational or Administrative Decisions made previous to the signing of this Agreement,
- 11.8 This Agreement and any decisions and or Licenses issued during the term of this Agreement do not change or affect the positions either Party has, or may have, regarding jurisdiction and authorities.
- 11.9 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.
- 11.10 There will be no presumption that any ambiguity in any of the terms of this Agreement should be interpreted in favour of either Party.
- 11.11 The applicable laws of British Columbia and Canada shall govern this Agreement.
- 11.12 British Columbia encourages licensees to enter into mutuallybeneficial arrangements with the Adams Lake Indian Band.
- 11.13 This Agreement is not intended to limit any obligation of forest licensees or other third parties to the Adams Lake Indian Band.
- 11.14 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.

11.15 This Agreement does not exclude the Adams Lake Indian Band from accessing forestry economic opportunities and benefits, which may be available, other than those expressly set out in this Agreement.

#### 12.0 Giving Effect to the New Relationship

- 12.1 Notwithstanding this agreement, the Parties will, at the request of the Adams Lake Indian Band, enter into discussions, and may negotiate interim agreements in relation to forestry, range and related planning that give effect to the New Relationship, which may include, but are not limited to the following components:
  - (a) a process for shared decision making about the land and resources:
  - (b) new mechanisms for land and resource protection;
  - (c) a process for the Adams Lake Indian Band's land use planning at all spatial scales and for reconciliation of Crown and the Adams Lake Indian Band's plans;
  - (d) dispute resolution processes which are mutually determined for resolving conflicts rather than adversarial approaches to resolving conflicts;
  - (e) financial capacity for the Adams Lake Indian Band and resourcing for British Columbia to develop and implement new frameworks for shared land and resource decision making and other components listed above;
  - (f) on a priority basis, interim protection for landscapes, watersheds and/or sites identified by the Adams Lake Indian Band to be reserved from resource development pending the outcome of negotiation of agreements referred to in a-e above; and
  - (g) Mountain Pine Beetle infestation in Adams Lake Indian Band's Traditional Territory.

12. 2 The Parties acknowledge that there are broader processes underway with respect to the New Relationship which will benefit and, at times assist, the Parties in negotiating with respect to the issues set out in section 12.1.

Signed on behalf of:	,
Adams Lake Indian Band	Date: Sept 28/06
Chief Nelson Leon  Councillor Cliff Arnovise (Councillor for	usi
Witness of Adams Lake Indian Band Bearice Anthony	signatures
Signed on behalf of:	
Government of British Columbia	Date: <u>Nou10</u> 06
Rich Coleman Minister of Forests and Range	

Witness of Minister signature

# APPENDIX A Map of Adams Lake Indian Band Traditional Territory

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#### APPENDIX B

Description and Documentation pertaining to the intended holder of the licence

Please complete Part A or B, whichever is appropriate, and attach appropriate documentation:

A.) Applicant for the licence (i.e. Adams Lake Indian Band)

Adams Lake Indian Band

Or

B.) Full legal name, or name of legal entity, appointed by the First Nation, to hold the licence (i.e. Smith Logging Ltd.)

i.) Copy attached of the band council resolution appointing that legal entity or person to be their representative; and

ii.) Copy of documentation verifying that the legal entity is validly registered to do business in the Province of British Columbia (copies of the corporate seal, shareholder listings, and listings of directors/officers).

#### **APPENDIX C:**

**Consultation Framework.** This appendix is a framework which can be modified by agreement of both parties on a regular basis, as it is meant to be a working document.

For the purpose of the consultation framework, the attached map within Appendix C will be the focus point for consultation. This map may be amended over time by Adams Lake Indian Band as new information comes available and the band will supply the Ministry of Forest and Range with the new version. The Government of British Columbia will provide to Adams Lake a DRAFT consultation matrix on an annual basis listing all proposed Administrative and Operations Decisions and who the decision makers are for each decision that will have an effect within the area outlined for purposes of consultation. Additionally, either upon the request of the Adams Lake Indian Band or when the Government of British Columbia becomes aware of other proposed Decisions, will provide to Adams Lake Indian Band an updated matrix. The matrix will be a communication tool for the consultation committee, as set out below, to jointly agree on consultation approaches (levels), as set out in the table below, for each type of decision and identify special cases which need specific consultation approaches.

1. Planning- FN involvement

2. Available on Request

3. Notification

4. Expedited process

5. Normal Consultation:

6. Deep consultation

Description and intent of consultation spectrum levels

Level	Description	Comment on Intent
1) Planning referral: prior to formal consultation process	Referral to First Nation during planning to provide opportunity to incorporate aboriginal interests <i>prior</i> to submitting plan/request to Statutory Decision Maker	3 <sup>rd</sup> party volunteer effort
2) Available on request (low level notification)	Type of notification whereby government notifies First Nation they will not be sending out information about very low impact decisions.	Intent is to notify (or negotiate) on an annual basis which decisions fall in this category. FN can request more detail if they wish
3) Notification	Notify in writing the First Nation about an upcoming decision and provide overview information.  Would be an opportunity for comment	Intent is to provide base level information and time to comment. Limited follow-up.
4) Expedited Consultation process.	Where there is an imminent threat to the public (i.e. wild fire) or a resource value (mountain pine beetle) an expedited consultation process is undertaken. Full process on a short timeline (e.g. 10 days for suppression harvesting of beetle attacked trees)	A justification for shortening the period would be given by describing the imminent threat.
5) Normal course Consultation (60 day)	Follow policy on "normal" track for consultation. Resolve issues where possible and make decision	Intent to follow this course in most circumstances of low to medium probability of impact.

engage in full discussions around the proposed decision. Make reasonable efforts to accommodate where necessary.  Would involve meaningful discussion in respect of appropriate accommodation.  Probably undertake a strength of		in a timely manner	
	6) <b>Deep</b> Consultation	an accessible manner and to engage in full discussions around the proposed decision. Make reasonable efforts to	consultation and accommodation. Would involve meaningful discussion in respect of appropriate accommodation.

The Parties may establish a Joint Consultation Committee (the "Committee") which will be comprised of two representatives from the Adams Lake Indian Band and two representatives from the Ministry of Forests and Range. The purpose and duties of the Committee shall be to:

- share information on proposed forest and range developments and related decisions;
- share information on possible economic opportunities for the participation of the Adams Lake Indian Band in the forestry and range sector;
- provide a forum for the Band to identify its Aboriginal Interests and concerns respecting potential infringements of those Interests; and

tailor, update and amend, as needed and mutually agreed, a consultation matrix.

### ADAMS LAKE INDIAN BAND

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### BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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The Co	)U/	ncil of the:	ADAMS LAKE INDIAN BAND
		District:	B.C. REGION - AREA NORTH
		Province:	BRITISH COLUMBIA
		Place:	CHASE, B.C.

Day: 26<sup>th</sup> Month: <u>September</u> Year: <u>2006</u>

#### RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ADAMS LAKE BAND

(hereinafter, called the "Council")

WHEREAS

the Adams Lake Indian Band (ALIB) Council agrees to signing the "Adams Lake Indian Band Interim Agreement on Forest & Range Opportunities (the "Agreement") between the Adams Lake Indian Band as represented by Chief and Council (the "Adams Lake Indian Band") and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia as represented by the Minister of Forests and Range ("British Columbia"). Collectively the ("Parties").

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Adams Lake Indian Band Council supports Chief Nelson Leon and Councillor Cliff Arnouse to sign the Interim Agreement on Forest & Range Opportunities (the "Agreement") between the Adams Lake Indian Band as represented by Chief and Council (the "Adams Lake Indian Band") and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia as represented by the Minister of Forests and Range ("British Columbia").

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