

**Canoe Creek Indian Band  
Interim Agreement on Forest & Range Opportunities  
(the "Agreement")**

**Between:  
The Canoe Creek Indian Band**

**As represented by  
Chief and Council  
(the "Canoe Creek Indian Band")**

**And**

**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia  
As represented by the Minister of Forests  
("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") has 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 Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band on forest and/or range resource development activities proposed within the Canoe Creek Indian Band Traditional Territory that may lead to the infringement of the Canoe Creek Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests.
- I. The Canoe Creek Indian Band intends to participate in any consultation with British Columbia or a Licensee, in relation to forest and/or range resource development activities proposed within the Canoe Creek Indian Band's Traditional Territory, that may lead to an infringement of the Canoe Creek Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests.
- J. British Columbia and the Canoe Creek Indian Band wish to resolve issues relating to forest and/or range 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 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band's Traditional Territory.
- 1.2 "Operational Plan" means a Forest Development Plan, Forest Stewardship Plan, Woodlot Licence Plan, a Range Use Plan and Range Stewardship Plan that has a potential effect in the Canoe Creek 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 decision setting or varying Allowable Annual Cut (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 replacement or extension adjustment of a Forest and/or Range Tenure;
  - The disposition of volumes of timber arising from undercut decisions on a Forest Tenure;
  - Timber Sale Licence and Timber Licence conversion to other forms of Forest Tenure and Timber Licence term extensions;
  - 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 a Tree Farm Licence Management Plan, Community Forest Management Plan and/or Woodlot Licence Management Plan;
  - The deletion of provincial forest;
  - The transfer of AAC between Timber Supply Areas
- 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band's 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 or a Range Tenure.
- 1.9 "Interim Accommodation" means the accommodation provided in this Agreement, of the potential infringements of the economic component of the Canoe Creek 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. 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band through economic diversification.**
- 2.2 **Provide interim payment and other economic benefits to the Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band

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

#### 3.1 Forest Tenure

After the execution of this Agreement, the Minister will invite the Canoe Creek Indian Band, or such legal entity as the Canoe Creek 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 for up to 33,000 *cubic meters* annually in the 100 Mile House Timber Supply Area(s).

If the intended holder of the licence is a legal entity other than Canoe Creek Indian Band, this Agreement must include supporting documentation, as specified in Appendix B, stating that the intended holder has been validly appointed by the Canoe Creek Indian Band as its representative.

- 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 165,000 cubic meters over 5 years.
- 3.1.2 The Parties will strive to ensure that the assigned operating area for the Licence in the X 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 Canoe Creek 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; and**

- 3.1.3 A Licence entered into as a result of an invitation under section 3.1 will be for a term of 5 years.**
- 3.1.4 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.**
- 3.1.5 The Minister may invite the Canoe Creek Indian Band to apply for a subsequent Licence under the *Forest Act* for a term that would commence after the expiry of this Agreement.**
- 3.1.6 The Parties acknowledge that Canoe Creek Indian Band has been actively pursuing a community forest licence agreement since Spring, 2004. This Agreement recognizes this is an immediate interest of Canoe Creek Indian Band to conduct sustainable forest management and harvesting using an area-based tenure within Canoe Creek Indian Band's traditional territory.**

### **3.2 Range Tenure**

**If Crown range vacancy is available for disposition to Canoe Creek Indian Band, then subject to the *Range Act*, the 100 Mile House District Manager will direct award a Range Permit, within Canoe Creek Indian Band Traditional Territory to the Canoe Creek Indian Band for up to 100 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band of approximately \$303,747 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.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) 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.
- 3.3.4 Upon signing of this Agreement, the Canoe Creek 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 Consultation and Accommodation Regarding Operational and Administrative Decisions and Plans**

- 4.1 The Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band agrees that British Columbia will have provided Interim Accommodation with respect to the economic component of potential infringements of the Canoe Creek Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests as an interim measure.
- 4.3 The interim payment set out in this Agreement reflects an amount that British Columbia, through the Minister of Forests is able to pay as an interim measure, which the Canoe Creek Indian Band has agreed to accept.
- 4.4 The Parties agree to develop consultation processes to address both Operational and Administrative decisions or Plans which may affect the Canoe Creek Indian Band's Aboriginal Interests within their Traditional Territory.
- 4.5 Where Canoe Creek 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.

- 4.6 The Parties agree to meet within 2 months of signing this Agreement to discuss concerns that the Canoe Creek Indian Band has regarding activities under the Small Scale Salvage Program.

#### 5.0 Dispute Resolution

- 5.1 If a dispute arises between British Columbia and the Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek 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 5 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: 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 Notwithstanding section 6.4, British Columbia may terminate the Agreement when there is a challenge on the basis that the Economic Benefits set out in section 3 are not adequate or sufficient Interim Accommodation.
- 6.6 Prior to termination under section 6.5, the Parties agree to meet and endeavour to resolve the dispute.

**7.0 Renewal of the Agreement**

- 7.1** Prior to this Agreement terminating in accordance with Section 6.3, if the terms and conditions of this Agreement are being met, British Columbia and the Canoe Creek Indian Band will seek the necessary authorities and approvals to renew this Agreement.
- 7.2** Any subsequent forestry agreement between British Columbia and the Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek 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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 Ministry of Forests  
 P.O. Box 9525 STN PROV GOVT  
 Victoria B.C. V8W 9C3  
 Telephone (250) 387-3656[needs update]  
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**Canoe Creek Indian Band**

Chief Hank Adams  
 Canoe Creek Indian Band  
 Address General Delivery, Dog Creek, BC V0L 1J0  
 Telephone: (250) 440-5645  
 Facsimile: (250) 440-5679

**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 lands 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. This Agreement is without prejudice to the treaty negotiations taking place between the Tribal Council, Northern Secwepemc te Qelmucw (NSTQ), Cariboo Tribal Council Treaty Society (CTCTS) and the Federal and Provincial governments.
- 11.3 This Agreement does not address or prejudice conflicting interests or competing claims between First Nations.
- 11.4 This Agreement will not limit the positions that a Party may take in future negotiations or court actions.
- 11.5 Nothing in this Agreement, including the recitals, defines or confirms the specific nature, scope, location or geographic extent of Aboriginal Interests of the Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek 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 mutually-beneficial arrangements with the Canoe Creek Indian Band.
- 11.13 This Agreement is not intended to limit any obligation of forest licensees or other third parties to the Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band from accessing forestry economic opportunities and benefits, which may be available, other than those expressly set out in this Agreement.
- 11.16 This Agreement only deals with decisions taken under legislation administered by the Ministry of Forests and Range.

## **12.0 Giving Effect to the New Relationship**

**12.1 Notwithstanding this agreement, the Parties 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 Canoe Creek Indian Band's land use planning at all spatial scales and for reconciliation of Crown and the Canoe Creek 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 Canoe Creek 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; and**

(f) on a priority basis, interim protection for landscapes, watersheds and/or sites identified by the Canoe Creek Indian Band to be reserved from resource development pending the outcome of negotiation of agreement referred to in a-e above.

Signed on behalf of:

Canoe Creek Indian Band

Date: March 30/06

[Signature]  
Chief Hillary (Hank) Adam

Councillor [Signature] Councillor  
FRANK HALLER

Councillor [Signature] Councillor  
Andrew Boston

Councillor ARNOLD MURPHY Councillor  
Arnold Murphy

[Signature] Scott Cousins  
Witness of Canoe Creek Indian Band signatures

Signed on behalf of:

Government of British Columbia

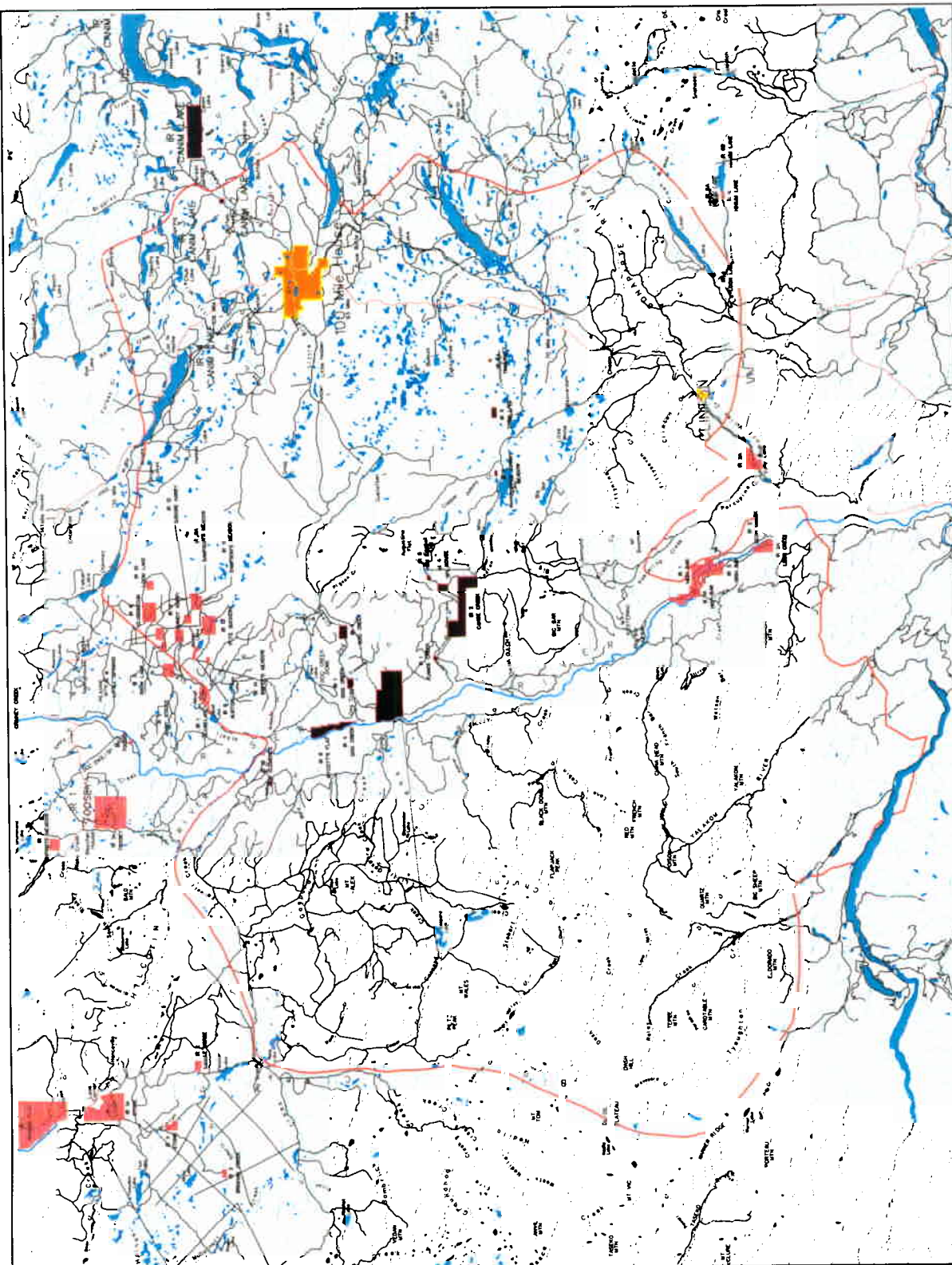
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[Signature]  
Rich Coleman  
Minister of Forests

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Witness of Minister signature

March 30, 2006

**APPENDIX A**  
**Map of Canoe Creek Indian Band Traditional Territory**



**Disclaimer**

The information provided on this map is incomplete and does not reflect the entirety of the Northern Saskatchewan Ischemic traditional territory and will be subject to future revisions.

This draft map of the NSQO traditional territory supercedes all previously submitted drafts.

This map is to be used only in consultation with the NSQO. Relying solely on the information provided on this map for decision making requires written permission of the NSQO.

**Canoe Creek Band Traditional Territory**

- Other First Nation ■
- Canoe Creek Band ■



### 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 license (i.e. Canoe Creek 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. or John Joe Smith)

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