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Chief Councillor,  
Heiltsuk Band Council  
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Dear Sirs:

I have completed my evaluation of the application of Heiltsuk Coastal Forest Products Ltd. submitted to the regional manager of the Coast Forest Region under cover letter dated May 7, 2005, for a Forestry Licence to Cut (the Licence) to harvest a maximum volume of 100,000 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) of timber from the area currently within Block 7 of TFL 39. The application was made on behalf of the Heiltsuk Band Council in response to the former Minister's issued pursuant to Section 3.1.2 of the February 5, 2004, Forestry Agreement (the Agreement) between the Heiltsuk First Nation and the Government of British Columbia.

In order to accept the application I have executed the attached Amendment Agreement, deleting from Section 3.1.6 of the Agreement the requirement to submit a business plan with the Licence application.

I consider the application to have met the relevant legislative requirements. As indicated in the former Minister's letter of invitation, you are advised that the Licence will contain silviculture obligations, including reforestation and the establishment of free growing stands, in accordance with British Columbia law. The regional manager of the Coast Forest Region will soon contact Heiltsuk Coastal Forest Products Ltd. in order to proceed with the process leading to the signing of the licence. This process will include the requirement that the parties to the Licence agree on the terms and conditions of the Licence and that the regional manager considers it appropriate to enter into the Licence.

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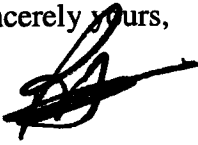
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Prior to licence execution, a licence deposit will be required of the intended licensee. Subject to the discretion of the licensor, a security deposit for silviculture liabilities may also be required.

If you have questions regarding this letter or other related issues, please contact Greg Gage, Tenures Forester, Coast Forest Region, at (250) 751-7268, or Scott Mitchell (250) 956-5044, Tenures Officer, North Island – Central Coast Forest District.

Sincerely yours,



Rich Coleman  
Minister

Attachment: Amendment Agreement

pc: The Honourable Geoff Plant  
Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations

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**Forest and Range Amendment Agreement  
("Amendment Agreement")**

In the Matter of an Amendment of the Heiltsuk Forestry Agreement between the Heiltsuk First Nation and the Government of British Columbia, dated February 5, 2004 (the "Agreement").

The Heiltsuk First Nation and the Government hereby agree to the amendment of section 3.1.6 of the Agreement, by deleting the words "including the requirement that the Heiltsuk submit, with its application for the licence, a business plan that is acceptable to the Minister".


After the deletion of the words, section 3.1.6 will read as follows:

**The invitation to apply under this Agreement will contain terms and conditions required by the Minister of Forests.**

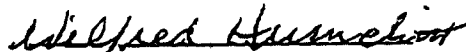
By agreement:

Signed on behalf of:

Heiltsuk First Nation:

  
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Chief Councillor

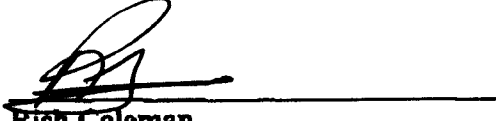
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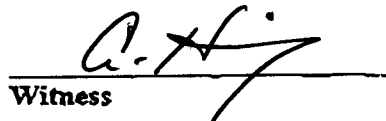
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Signed on behalf of:

Government of British Columbia:

  
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Rich Coleman  
Minister

Date: Nov 16/05

  
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