

**Interim Measures Agreement
(the "Agreement")**

Between:

Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation

As represented by
Chief and Council
Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation

and

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia
as represented by the Minister of Forests and Range
(the "Government of British Columbia")

(collectively the "Parties")

Whereas:

- The Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation signed an Interim Accommodation Agreement with the Government of British Columbia on December ____, 2005.
- Mountain pine beetle uplifts in the Quesnel and Prince George Timber Supply Areas will lead to increased harvesting activity and potential impacts on Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation asserted aboriginal rights and title.
- The Government of British Columbia wishes to support additional economic opportunities for the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation.

Purpose

1. The purposes of this Agreement are to:
 - a. provide economic accommodation in respect of potential impacts that proposed forest resource development and forest management decisions may have on asserted aboriginal rights and title of the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation that
 - i. occur during the term of this Agreement,
 - ii. are within the Quesnel and Prince George Timber Supply Areas, and
 - iii. are a result of temporary uplifts to the Allowable Annual Cuts in the Quesnel and Prince George Timber Supply Areas, and consequent increased harvest levels;
 - b. increase the participation of the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation in the forest sector;
 - c. provide an economic development opportunity by inviting the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation to apply for a non-replaceable forest licence in the Quesnel Timber Supply Area; and

- d. assist in providing stability to provincially authorised forest resource development on Crown lands within the asserted traditional territory of the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation as outlined in bold on the map attached to the *Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation Interim Accommodation Agreement* (December 2005).

Therefore the Parties agree as follows.

2. After execution of this Agreement by the Parties, the Minister of Forests and Range (the "Minister") will invite the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation to apply for a non-replaceable forest licence (the "Licence") under section 47.3 of the *Forest Act* to harvest a total of up to 500,000 cubic meters over a five year term in the Quesnel Timber Supply Area and within the asserted traditional territory of the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation.
3. The invitation to apply and any Licence entered into as a result of the invitation to apply under this Agreement will be subject to the policies, regulations and statutes of British Columbia as amended from time to time.
4. The invitation to apply under this Agreement will contain terms and conditions required by the Minister.
5. The invitation will be subject to a condition that prior to making an application for the Licence, the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation will contact the Ministry of Forests and Range and the Parties will work co-operatively to identify an operating area within the asserted traditional territory of the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation.
6. The Licence entered into as a result of the invitation to apply under this Agreement:
 - a. will be for a term of no longer than 5 years as determined by the Minister,
 - b. will contain other terms and conditions required by law, including the condition that the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation must comply with this Agreement and with the *Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation Interim Accommodation Agreement* (December 2005);
 - c. will include a term that Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation may not dispose of the Licence except in accordance with the *Forest Act*; and
 - d. will include other terms and conditions as may be required by the Regional Manager.
7. An invitation to apply for the Licence and any licence entered into as a result of the invitation to apply under this Agreement may be combined with a tenure opportunity included in any other agreement in accordance with the *Forest Act*.

Consultation and stability on Crown lands

8. In consideration of the Minister's invitation to apply for the Licence under Section 2 of this Agreement, Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation agrees to participate in any consultation initiated by the Government of British Columbia regarding forestry operational plans and administrative decisions within the asserted traditional territory of the Lhoosk'uz

Dene Nation, as set out in sections 4 and 5 of the *Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation Interim Accommodation Agreement* (December 2005).

9. Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation agrees that in consideration of the Minister's invitation to apply for the Licence under Section 2 of this Agreement and adherence to the consultation processes in Sections 4 and 5 of the *Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation Interim Accommodation Agreement* (December 2005), 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 Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation asserted aboriginal rights and title resulting from increased harvest levels during the term of this Agreement in the Quesnel and Prince George Timber Supply Areas.
10. Lhoosk'uz Dene 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 unlawful interference by Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation members with provincially authorised activities related to forest resource development activities, including timber harvesting or other forestry economic activities, occur.

Dispute resolution

11. If a dispute arises between the Government of British Columbia and the Lhoosk'uz Dene 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.
12. If the Parties are unable to resolve differences at the appropriate level, the interpretation issue will be raised to more senior levels of the Government of British Columbia and Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation.
13. The Parties may choose other appropriate approaches to assist in reaching resolution of the interpretation issue.

Amendments

14. Any alteration or amendment to the terms and conditions of the Agreement must be in writing and duly executed by the Parties.
15. Either Party may request the participation of the other Party to review the effectiveness of this Agreement annually and consider amendments to this Agreement.

Term

16. This Agreement will take effect on the date on which the last Party has executed it.
17. This Agreement will terminate on the occurrence of the earliest of any of the following events:
 - a. five years from the date this Agreement is executed; or,
 - b. the mutual agreement of the Parties; or,
 - c. the date on which the Government of British Columbia cancels the Licence under this Agreement pursuant to Section 19.
18. If the *Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation Interim Accommodation Agreement* (December 2005) is terminated, the consultation processes that were set out in sections 4 and 5 of that agreement are incorporated by reference into this Agreement and will continue to be followed by the Parties for the purposes of this Agreement.

Suspension or Cancellation of Economic Benefits by the Minister

19. Without limiting the actions that may be taken by the Minister of Forests and Range or by the Government of British Columbia, the Minister or a person authorised by the Minister may suspend or cancel the Licence entered into as a result of the invitation under this Agreement, if the Minister or a person authorised by the Minister determines that Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation is not in compliance with this Agreement or with the *Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation Interim Accommodation Agreement* (December 2005).

Notice

20. 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 as in this section of the Agreement.
21. 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.

22. 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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Miscellaneous

23. 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.
24. 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 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.
25. This Agreement will not limit the positions that a Party may take in future negotiations or court actions.
26. This Agreement shall not be interpreted as addressing any potential infringements other than potential infringements associated with increased harvesting activity pursuant to temporary uplifts in Allowable Annual Cut in the Quesnel and Prince George Timber Supply Areas that may result from decisions contemplated by this Agreement during the term of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to authorise any infringement that may occur following the termination of this Agreement.
27. This Agreement does not address or affect any claims by the Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation arising from past interference with asserted aboriginal rights and title, nor any future settlement related to an aboriginal right or title claim.
28. 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.

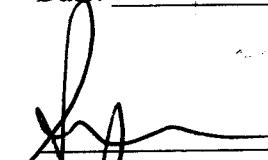
29. There will be no presumption that any ambiguity in any of the terms of this Agreement should be interpreted in favour of either Party.
30. The applicable laws of British Columbia and Canada shall govern this Agreement.
31. This Agreement may be entered into by each Party signing a separate copy of this agreement, including a photocopy or faxed copy, and delivering it to the other Party via facsimile. Each facsimile will be deemed to be an original for all purposes and all counterparts taken together will be deemed to constitute one document.


Signed on behalf of:

Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation:

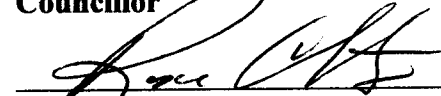
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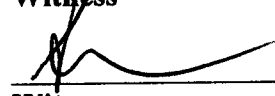

 Chief Liliane Squinas


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 Councillor


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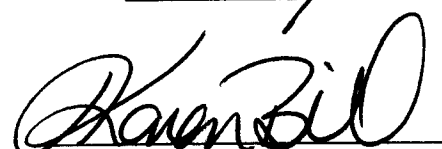
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Signed on behalf of:
Government of British Columbia

Date: Feb 9 / 2006


 Honourable Rich Coleman
 Minister of Forests and Range


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