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All BC Timber Sales Registrants

Dear BC Timber Sales Registrant:

This letter is a follow-up to my letter of January 13, 2017 introducing a pilot project to allow participating BC Timber Sales (BCTS) registrants to submit tenders electronically (e-Bidding). I wish to inform you that the e-Bidding pilot project will commence April 1, 2017 for any Timber Sales Licences (TSL) advertised on or after April 1, 2017 that do not require a bid deposit. The pilot project is scheduled to run until October 31, 2017.

The following information to assist you in registering for BC Bid e-Bidding services and submitting eBids may be found on the BCTS e-Bidding webpage at <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/e-bidding/>:

- BC Timber Sales Supplier's Guide to Registering for e-Bidding;
- BC Timber Sales Supplier's Guide to Browsing TSL Opportunities and e-Bidding;
- e-Bidding Authorization Form; and
- General questions and answers concerning e-Bidding.

TSL opportunities will be advertised on the BC Bid website at <http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca> to facilitate the e-Bidding process and through the Official Notices (ONS) website at <http://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/pub/notices>.

Links to the BC Bid website, the ONS website, and the BCTS e-Bidding webpage can also be accessed through the BCTS website at <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/>.

Note: Commencing April 1, 2017 all TSL tender information attachments will **only** be available through BC Bid.

During the e-Bidding pilot project, BCTS will accept tenders for TSLs either through e-Bidding submission or by the current paper-based tender form process.

BCTS registrants who register for the e-Bidding service before October 1, 2017 will have the one (1) year e-Bidding subscription cost covered by BCTS. However, BCTS will not pay the

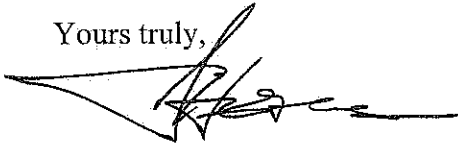
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subscription cost for BCTS registrants that are already registered when the pilot project begins or those that renew their e-Bidding service after September 30, 2017.

For TSLs advertised before April 1, 2017, or for TSLs that require a bid deposit, applications will only be accepted by the paper-based tender form method at the Timber Sales Office that advertised the TSL.

I encourage you try out this innovative approach for offering timber sale opportunities and submitting your tender applications. Updates on the project will be posted periodically to the BCTS e-Bidding webpage identified in the second paragraph of this letter. If you have any questions, please call your local timber sales office.

Yours truly,



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