

**DIRECTIONS OF THE MINISTER OF FORESTS, LANDS AND
NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS**

SECTIONS 49 (1) AND 49 (2) (f) OF THE *FOREST ACT*

I, Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, in respect of the delegation of my powers or duties under sections 49 (1) and 49 (2) (f) of the *Forest Act* provide the following directions to these delegates:

1. Inspectors of Mines – Permitting agree to use the authority given to them to issue free use permits that are necessary to facilitate the cutting of trees for mining exploration and development purposes.
2. Inspectors of Mines – Permitting agree to use the authority conveyed by this delegation only for a maximum volume of timber authorized for cutting under each permit of 50 m³. This includes any merchantable timber as defined in the Provincial Waste and Residue Manual.
3. The Inspectors of Mines – Permitting will address, to the extent possible and as deemed appropriate by the inspector, any forestry stewardship concerns arising from a permit issued pursuant to this delegation that have been raised by Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations staff.
4. Inspectors of Mines – Permitting agree to issue free use permits only after a permit under the *Mines Act* has been issued.
5. Inspectors of Mines – Permitting must not sub-delegate section 49 (1) and 49 (2) (f) powers and duties.

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order)

Authority under which Directions are given:

Act and section: Forest Act, section 1.1 (1) (b)
