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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER



Forestry has been an important part of the fabric of B.C.'s economy, culture and communities for generations and will continue to be in the years ahead. As we face ongoing challenges such as the mountain pine beetle and more recent ones like the collapse of the U.S. housing market, we need

to focus on supporting workers while building new markets and new opportunities in forestry.

B.C. wood is the most sustainable building product in the world. We will open new doors to sell more of forest products in Asia as well as here at home. We will maximize value through new markets and uses such as biofuels and bioenergy. That will create unprecedented potential for sustainable growth, thousands of new jobs for forest workers and more stability for forest-dependent communities.

At the same time, we are focused on supporting workers. New investments will build on the success of the Community Development Trust in helping impacted forest workers and communities during challenging times. Together, we will build a new, exciting future for forestry that puts our province at the forefront of developing new products, new markets and new opportunities as a world leader in sustainable forestry.

Honourable Gordon Campbell
Premier of British Columbia



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NEW DOMESTIC MARKETS FOR WOOD

Expanding domestic markets for wood will provide more jobs in forest-dependent communities.

In April 2009, B.C. amended the provincial building code to allow wood-frame construction in buildings up to six storeys; previously wood-frame buildings could only be built to four storeys. The B.C. government is also introducing Wood First legislation and policies this fall to ensure wood is the primary building material in all new publicly owned or provincially-funded buildings. We will also work with the federal government and other provincial governments to promote the use of wood in other jurisdictions.



FINDING NEW MARKETS OVERSEAS

Asia Pacific is the second-largest and fastest growing market for B.C. forest products.

Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. is directing about \$23 million this year to market and promote British Columbia's forest practices and products around the world.

And it's working — especially in China, where we've seen a dramatic increase in Canadian softwood lumber exports.

Last year, British Columbia saw \$190 million in softwood lumber sales to China as exports hit 1.25 million cubic metres, up more than 70 per cent from 2007.

This record-breaking sales pace has continued in 2009.

FINDING NEW VALUE IN OUR FORESTS

The Province is supporting growth in the wood bioenergy sector by providing \$25 million for the B.C. Bioenergy Network to encourage investment and innovation in bioenergy projects and technologies.

The Pacific Carbon Trust, a Crown corporation that is part of B.C.'s Climate Action Plan, is positioning B.C. forests as a key supplier in the global carbon market, opening an exciting new source of revenue and jobs for the forestry sector and rural communities.

B.C. has one-half of Canada's biomass-generating capacity and leads the country in energy production from biomass. Our goal is to establish by 2020 at least 10 community-pilot and clean-energy demonstration projects that convert local biomass into energy.

We will develop one of Canada's most comprehensive provincial biomass inventories, identifying waste-to-energy opportunities throughout B.C.

With input from industry, First Nations, environmental groups and communities, we are working to establish a commercial forest reserve as recommended by the Working Roundtable on Forestry.

This will be land available for intensive forest management from which to derive a range of wood products. It will secure land over the long-term, encouraging private sector investment and improving economics of forestry operations.

SUPPORTING B.C. FOREST WORKERS

The Province's Community Development Trust has three funding streams that support displaced resource workers and resource-dependent communities:

Job Opportunities Program (JOP):

JOP creates short-term job opportunities for laid-off resource workers by funding projects that provide community-based jobs for up to six months. The B.C. government recently added \$30 million to the program, which was matched by the federal government through the Community Adjustment Fund. JOP projects are expected to employ more than 2,400 workers.

Transition Assistance:

This \$85.5-million fund has helped more than 1,700 forest workers retire early or pursue opportunities in other sectors. The 2009 program provides up to \$35,000 to older forest workers, at least 60 years of age, who are interested in leaving their employment and whose employers agree that this will not create a skills shortage.

Tuition Assistance:

Through this \$17.25-million program, about 2,700 laid-off forest workers have been approved for tuition funding of up to \$5,000 each. The fund helps laid-off forest workers improve their future employability by expanding existing skills or re-training.

MAINTAINING FOREST SERVICE ROADS

The Province has committed \$20 million over two years to improve travel conditions on Forest Service Roads that serve as crucial transportation links for rural communities and recreation sites.

These roads are essential to the stability and economy of many smaller communities. Improvements will be made to more than 200 forest service roads that benefit backcountry users and residents in about 70 communities.

HST

The Harmonized Sales Tax will save the forest sector an estimated \$140 million, which will enhance companies' competitiveness, encourage investment and result in more jobs.

