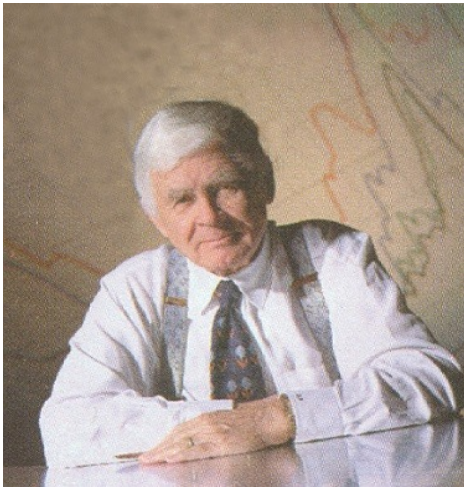


## Slocan-LP OSB Corp.

### An Open Letter to the People of Fort St. John, the First Nations and the Surrounding Communities

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Since my last letter was published in the Alaska Highway News on July 25<sup>th</sup> introducing our proposed OSB project, Dr. Niko Zorkin of Enkon (our environmental consultants) and I have met with a wide cross section of stakeholders and interested individuals from the Fort St. John area. We appreciate the time and thought which people are giving to this matter.

During these meetings, a number of concerns were expressed about the plant that our company plans to build in the area. The principal issues were:

- The location of the plant;
- Emissions from the plant;
- Impact of the plant on the airport operations; and
- Increased truck traffic.

The purpose of this letter is keep you informed as to what we are doing to address these and other issues - before we submit our *Application* to the provincial Environmental Assessment Office. Please be assured that we will be dealing with all the questions and concerns addressed to us. Obviously, the selection of an appropriate site for the plant is a major concern for many people and will be a priority for us.

In this regard, let me explain first that no final proposal has been made as to the location of the plant. We have engaged an experienced engineering firm to assist us in assessing all suitable alternatives for a site. We intend to take into account all the factors before we make a decision and we will propose the best location available on that basis. We welcome suggestions for potential sites.

We are also in the process of testing the plant's configuration and process flow – particularly in light of current air emission treatment technologies. We want to ensure that we use the best emission controls.

We are satisfied that we have initiated the necessary process to answer or satisfy the concerns that many of you have. When this work is completed (which

is estimated to take approximately six weeks) we will be happy to share our thinking with all interested parties.

Upon completion of these steps (site selection, environmental design process and dialogue with all stakeholders) we expect to be in a position to file an *Application* with the Environmental Assessment Office.

I would like to reiterate again that Slocan-LP OSB Corp. is a stand alone company that will be based in Fort St. John and that it is committed to being a responsible member of the community. We continue to look to your comments and understanding to help us accomplish this.

I can be reached at the following numbers: Office (604) 231-7934; Home (604) 943-9151; Toll-free 1-800-557-0029 or by e-mail [ibarber@slocan.com](mailto:ibarber@slocan.com). I am happy to hear from you and answer any questions you may have.

Regards,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ike K. Barber', written in a cursive style.

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