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**SPECIAL OPEN LETTER
to Residents of Fort St. John & Area**

This Special Open Letter to the residents of Fort St. John and Area is to mark the 1st anniversary of the Official Ground Breaking for the Canfor-LP OSB mill project. A lot of planning, persistence and personal commitment on the part of people like Ike Barber, Fort St. John City Council and staff, Treaty 8 First Nations and others, went into making the project announcement on January 22, 2004 a reality. Even more planning and preparation took place leading up to the Official Ground Breaking ceremony on June 1, 2004. It is truly amazing to see what has happened at the site this past year as hundreds of skilled trades people and others have helped transform a dream into the world's largest OSB mill. What a year it has been! Check out our web site at www.canforlp.com to review the photos and stories that capture all the action that has taken place in the past year.

In the meantime, activity at the mill site will be at maximum levels this summer as crews work hand-in-hand with the operations staff and employees to finish the construction of the mill and assure a successful startup this fall. Some of you have had the opportunity to view the construction activity first hand during one of our Public Tours. This popular program began on the Easter weekend and has continued on the last Sunday of the month ever since. However, due to the increased pace of construction over the summer and up to 500 or more construction personnel working on the site round the clock each day, we must end this program after the last Public Tours on June 26th. You will just have to wait until our Official Opening Ceremonies to see what the world's largest OSB mill looks like once it is in production. However, if you do want to take part in the final Public Tours, contact Brenda at 261-5570 to reserve your spot.

We want to thank the people of Fort St. John and Area for the warm welcome we have received since announcing the project would proceed early last year. Since the Official Ground Breaking ceremony just over a year ago, we have begun to feel like we are apart of this vibrant, growing city. We already have 21 of our management group who have either taken up residence or soon will. We will bring the remaining group of employees...about 100 on in mid-August for training, commissioning and startup. We expect many will become involved in all aspects of the community. Have a safe and happy summer and we'll see you at our Official Opening ceremonies.

Canfor-LP OSB Stats

- 26,500 cubic metres of concrete have been poured
- 367 days of construction time have been worked without a time loss injury
- This equals 562,440 person hours
- 470,000 square feet of building have been erected or about 95%
- \$222 million have been committed to the project

- 13,000 cubic metres of wood have been delivered to the site
- 1,156 employees and contract workers have helped with the project

Safety

From its beginning, safety has been the number one priority. We said last June at the Official Ground Breaking ceremony that no one should suffer a time loss injury helping build the world's largest OSB mill and we're pleased and proud to report that record still stands a year later. 1,156 staff, employees and contractors have taken the twenty-minute Safety Orientation course in the past year. Several hundred more will take the same course before construction is complete and the Production team takes over the site. We insisted from the start of the project that everyone be "on the same page" when it comes to safety at our site and the approach has paid off with a project safety record that is being noticed all over North America. This is a credit to everyone involved and we can't thank them enough. We also celebrate those successes with regular safety lunches. Good food and some great draw prizes have gone a long way to putting the fun back in safety.

This Priority One approach to safety will continue when construction gives way to production in the fall. Former Project Construction Safety Officer, Art Bilodeau has been appointed the new Operations Safety Coordinator and his dedication and commitment to safety will continue once production begins. The entire operations team will be responsible for ensuring that the Canfor-LP OSB mill has the best safety record in BC in the panel board sector.

Personnel & Employees

We continue to bring our team together and here is an update on our group since the last Open Letter.

- Gord Weeber, Technical & Quality Manager
- Art Bilodeau, Safety Coordinator
- Gary Ross, Production Team Leader
- Hal Hitchcock, Production Team Leader
- Jim Wassing, Production Team Leader
- Doug Mitchell, Log Yard Team Leader
- Len Bottle, Shipping Team Leader
- Sean McDonagh, Purchasing Team Leader
- Grayson Klassen, Maintenance Team Leader – Electrical
- Will Kingston, Maintenance Planner
- Fran Charchuk, Training/HR Coordinator
- Wes McNutt, Quality Coordinator
- Angie MacPhee, Junior Accountant
- Dianne Branch, Administration Assistant

We have also been very busy screening, interviewing and testing numerous candidates to fill the operations and maintenance positions in the mill. We've received over 900 applications and have interviewed over 325 potential candidates. We fully expect to have offers out within the next two weeks for the 100 available positions.

Logs Delivered

In April, we announced that the selection process to choose the harvesting contractors for the OSB mill, Canfor sawmill and Canfor Taylor Pulp was complete. Canfor and Louisiana-Pacific (LP) determined that it was more cost efficient for the Canfor Fort St. John Woodlands Division

to supply forest management services to the new OSB mill. A request for proposals was sent out last fall. Nineteen contractors were interviewed and eight were selected based on a number of criteria.

Canfor Contractors now include:

J. Bueckert Logging Ltd.	H.D. Logging Ltd.
G & L Contracting.	R. McCormick Logging.
Youngs Mills (1980) Ltd.	I and B Logging Contractors Ltd.
W & M Enterprises	John Dyck Trucking Ltd.

Our mill will require about 1.2 million cubic meters of wood annually. This represents an average of about 75 logging trucks a day.

Help Us Name Our Mill Contest

We're getting closer to choosing a new name and logo for the new mill. However, we want to get it right and have something the entire community and area can be proud of. So we will need a little more time.

We had a great response to our ***Help Us Name Our Mill Contest***. We received nearly 100 entries when the contest closed at the end of February. In March, we convened a Panel of Judges made up of local teachers, artists, business leaders and others to review the entries and determine the 10 finalists. On April 25th, our General Manager, Chris Baby announced the 10 finalists in a ceremony involving the entrants and their families.

Elementary School Finalists

Chelcie Bagan
Joshua & Morgan Goddard

Secondary School Finalists

Brandon Baker
Trenton Busche

Adult Finalists

Melanie Auger	Lesla Cauchie	Isaac Peter Dyck
Brent Eastwood	Ken Rosentreter	Greg Saugstad
Erika Schuster		

Each finalist received a personal prize of \$250. Each student finalist's school received a contest legacy prize of \$500. Since then we have been working with a large group of people and a design company to choose the right name and logo. Originally we had plans to announce a new name and unveil a new logo for the plant in early June but we now expect to do this in July.

Key Dates for Canfor-LP OSB

- **1998** - BC Government calls for proposals to utilize aspen and other hardwoods in the working forest areas of the Fort St. John Timber Supply Area.
- **2000** – Slocan Forest Products Ltd. (Now Canadian Forest Products Ltd.) and Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. (LP) formed a joint venture company, Slocan-LP OSB Corp. to submit a proposal in response to the call from the BC Government.
- **2002** – BC Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management granted a Project Approval Certificate for construction of an OSB mill.
- **January 22, 2004** – Slocan-LP OSB Corp. announces that it will build the world's largest OSB mill in Fort St. John, BC.

- **June 1, 2004** – An Official Ground Breaking ceremony takes place on the site of the mill. Taking part in the ceremony are Canfor-LP OSB President, Bill Hebert, Canfor CEO Jim Shepherd, LP CEO Mark Suwyn, Ike Barber, Hon. Richard Neufeld, Hon. Michael de Jong, Chief Roland Willson and Fort St. John Mayor Steve Thorlakson.
- **January 31, 2005** – A sudden gust of high wind topples structural steel covering an area of about 20,000 sq. ft. Emergency procedures stopped all construction and crews are evacuated. No one is injured in the incident.
- **February 7, 2005** – The first load of logs arrives at the mill. Six Nations Ventures employees are ready to unload the truck and begin Log Yard operations.
- **March 26, 2005** – The first public tours of the Canfor-LP OSB mill are held.

One year ago this month, eight business, government and First Nations leaders stood in a field off Swanson Lumber Road and ceremoniously dug their gold painted shovels into the earth to mark the start of construction of the world's largest OSB mill. The transformation of the site that has occurred over the past year is an accomplishment that everyone who has been a part of this amazing project can take great pride in. And, if you thought the past year was something to witness, wait until you see what happens over the next year!

Respectfully submitted,

William (Bill) Hebert
President

Chris Baby
General Manager

Roger Latterell
Project Manager