

February 28, 2008

The Honourable Frank Iacobucci, C.C., Q.C.
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Dear Justice Iacobucci,

I would like to follow up on discussions Weyerhaeuser officials in Canada have had with you and your office staff since your appointment as Facilitator between the Province of Ontario and the Grassy Narrows Band last fall. I want to reconfirm my company's strong support for your efforts to lead a process on behalf of the Ontario government with Grassy Narrows First Nation in order to find a lasting resolution to a number of timber access issues.

As a company with diverse operations across Canada, we understand the need to develop mutually beneficial relationships with aboriginal communities. We also know from first-hand experience that some issues are not resolvable between companies and First Nations, and can only be addressed at a government-to-government level.

This was certainly our analysis of the situation in Grassy Narrows and formed the basis of our recommendation to officials in the Ontario government that this issue required their urgent attention.

When we recently built our value-added laminated strand lumber plant in Kenora, we recognized that establishing long-term, constructive relations with First Nations would be critical to our success. We reached out to First Nations well in advance of plant construction in 2002 to ensure aboriginal recruitment and representation in the workforce of our facility. I am proud to say that we have been able to retain nearly one-quarter of our workforce from this sector of the local population.

After years of hard work, we have also been able to achieve a breakthrough agreement with the Wabaseemoong Independent Nation that will form the basis of their becoming one of the largest wood supply contractors to our facility, in addition to providing other economic development and forest management, capacity building and planning opportunities. All of these achievements in Kenora would not have been possible without the experience we gained with First Nations throughout Canada over the past 40 years.

As you may know, we have studied wood supply alternatives to the Whiskey Jack Forest for our Kenora facility. Our research, which has been shared broadly with government, First Nations and environmental organizations, concludes that there are few, if any, options to access economically accessible timber. That said, we will continue to explore any new alternatives that may arise.

In the meantime, over the next few months we will continue to reach out to key Provincial ministries, and other stakeholders involved in the Grassy Narrows issues in an effort to find an inclusive and lasting solution. We believe there are significant opportunities for First Nations in all phases of forest management and related economic activity. We are already on the record as supporting the co-operative Sustainable Forest Licence model, which could serve as a catalyst for significantly increasing the role of First Nations in the local forest economy.

We will continue to offer our services and expertise where they can be of assistance to you and the Province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven R. Rogel".

Steven R. Rogel
Chairman and CEO

cc Honourable Donna Cansfield
Honourable Michael Bryant
Honourable Mike Gravelle