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March 26, 2009

Mr. Terry Sargeant
Chair
Clean Environment Commission
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Dear Mr. Sargeant:

I announced on March 16th that I would be asking the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) to review Louisiana Pacific's (LP) request for permanent alterations to its Swan Valley oriented strand board plant's Environment Act Licence.

As you are aware, the CEC initially reviewed this plant when it was first proposed in 1994. Included in the original CEC report was a recommendation that the company operate pollution control equipment including RTOs. LP's recent application states that upgrades have reduced emission levels since the plant was first constructed.

Therefore, pursuant to section 6(5) of *The Environment Act*, I am asking that the CEC conduct an investigation and provide advice and recommendations to me regarding Louisiana Pacific's request.

I have provided a terms of reference which will help guide your exercise. LP's current licence has a requirement for the Director of Environmental Assessment and Licencing to review the terms and conditions of the licence prior to June 1, 2009, so completion of the CEC process in advance of this date would be welcome.

Thank you for undertaking this important task.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan Struthers', written in a cursive style.

Stan Struthers
Minister

Terms of Reference

Clean Environment Commission Investigation into

Louisiana Pacific's Licence Change Request

Mandate of the Investigation

In accordance with section 6(5) (a), (b) and (c) of the Environment Act, the CEC, at the request of the Minister of Conservation, shall conduct an investigation into Louisiana Pacific's request for permanent alterations to its Swan Valley oriented strand board plant's Environment Act Licence. The CEC will provide advice and recommendations to the Minister in accordance with the following terms of reference.

Terms of Reference

1. The CEC will conduct an investigation and provide advice and recommendations to the Minister regarding the potential health and environmental effects of the increased emission limits and the subsequent decommissioning of the Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer technology which is contained in Louisiana Pacific's requested licence change.
2. In conducting this investigation and in providing advice and recommendations, the CEC will provide members of the public an opportunity for input regarding LP's proposal at a public meeting in the affected community.
3. As LP's current licence has a requirement for the Director of Environmental Assessment and Licencing to review the terms and conditions of the licence prior to June 1, 2009, the CEC process should begin as soon as possible, and should be completed prior to that date.