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**Re: Application for Waste Discharge Permit “Chemainus Sawmill” Pursuant to the Environmental Management Act (Authorization # 7210/ Tracking Number 417797)**

Western Forest Products, Inc. (“Western”) submitted a preliminary permit amendment application to the Director and is in the process of updating a Waste Discharge Permit under the provisions of *the Environmental Management Act* (“EMA”).

Regulated under B.C.’s *Environmental Management Act*, sawmill “effluent” consists of rainwater that contacts fine woody material and so contains natural wood extractives, such as resin acids and tannins/lignins. Rainwater that contacts galvanized material, like roofing, may contain zinc and other metals. Effluent discharge is highly variable depending on rainfall events.

This permit amendment will ensure that Western is in alignment with all EMA and subsequent permitting requirements. Specifically, this letter is written to meet the notification requirements within Sections (4)(5) of the Public Notification regulations

The Chemainus Sawmill is located at 2860 Victoria Road, Chemainus, BC. The operational area covers approximately 0.3 km<sup>2</sup>. Effluent discharge is generated from surface water running over the deck of the Chemainus Sawmill. The discharge rate of surface water runoff produced by the Chemainus sawmill will be determined through the permitting process to meet the Environmental Management Act requirements. An overview map of operations has been attached for your reference (Attachment #1).

Should you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Brad McRae, Director, Government Relations, at [bmcr@westernforest.com](mailto:bmcr@westernforest.com).

Respectfully,



**Brad McRae**  
**Director, Government Relations**  
**Western Forest Products Inc.**

**Attachment #1**  
**Site Location**

