BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Dear Mill Contact:

RE: Timber Mills in British Columbia, 2014

British Columbia (BC) has a vibrant and sustainable forest industry that provides enormous benefits for current and future generations. The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNR) strategic priorities are identified in the *B.C. Jobs Plan* and *Province of British Columbia Strategic Plan.*

The proposed *B.C. Forest Sector Competitiveness Strategy 2015* aims to improve the global competitiveness of the BC Forest Sector, while maintaining sustainable forest practice.

FLNR has conducted an annual major primary timber processing facilities survey since 1990. The survey gathers capacity and production information, on each mill type across the province. Information about mill operations is kept confidential, except for company name, mill location and annual mill capacity.

Based on the survey responses, FLNR publishes an annual report, *Major Primary Timber Processing Facilities in British Columbia,* also known as the Mill List report. The latest report is available at
ftp://ftp.for.gov.bc.ca/HET/external/!publish/Web/Mill%20List/Mill%20List%20Public%20Report%202013%20Final.pdf/.

The Mill List report provides a comprehensive picture of wood fibre supply and log use in BC and allows for comparison with past surveys. The Mill List report will provide FLNR with a better understanding of the key drivers of the manufacturing competitiveness of BC's forest products industry and help FLNR to identify specific actions that would improve BC's competitiveness.

The survey information is also used to support:

- Trade negotiations and agreements (e.g. Softwood Lumber Agreement arbitration);
- Forest policy development;
- Forest management;
- Investment in BC;
- Public communications regarding the mill sector; and

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- Studies conducted by the federal government, universities and private researchers.

This year, the survey will be sent to you electronically. Responding options are provided below:

A. *To **respond electronically***, please follow these steps:
   1. Hit **REPLY** to the email you received;
   2. Enter the requested data (e.g. shift capacity, production information, employment, operating days, submission completed) in the questionnaire; and
   3. Hit **SEND.**

B. If you would prefer to ***mail the completed survey*** to us, please print off the email, sign it and mail to the address in the signature block of the email you received. A fax number is also provided if necessary.

Please complete and return the survey as soon as possible.

If you are not the appropriate person to complete the survey, please forward this email to the proper contract. Should you have any questions, please contact Jiali Leng at (250) 356-7932 or email her at Mill.Survey@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you, your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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