



CLIFF: 221431

April 18, 2016

Dear Mill Contact,

Re: Annual Major Primary Timber Processing Facilities Survey

British Columbia (B.C.) 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' (the Ministry) strategic priorities are identified in the *B.C. Jobs Plan* and *Province of British Columbia Strategic Plan*. Our current work aims to improve the global competitiveness of the B.C. Forest Sector, while maintaining sustainable forest management practices.

The Ministry 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. The information that you provide in the html survey form is protected from disclosure under Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Only your company name, mill location, and estimated annual production capacity will be published. Your actual data will be aggregated with other mills to provide provincial and regional information on historical log and residual use. Your company specific information will not be released without your prior consent.

Based on the survey responses, the Ministry publishes an annual report, *Major Primary Timber Processing Facilities in British Columbia*, also known as the Mill List report. The latest report is available on the Ministry's website.

The Mill List report provides a comprehensive picture of wood fibre supply and log use in B.C. and allows for comparison with past surveys. The Mill List report will provide the Ministry with a better understanding of the key drivers of the manufacturing competitiveness of B.C.'s forest products industry and help the Ministry to identify specific actions that would improve B.C.'s competitiveness. It also supports trade negotiations (e.g. Softwood Lumber Agreement arbitration), policy development and investment decisions and as such is an important resource for the Ministry.

This survey is sent to you electronically. Responding options are provided below:

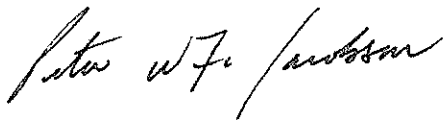
- A. To respond electronically, please follow these steps:
1. Hit REPLY to the email you received (ensuring your email software allows HTML formats);
 2. Enter the requested data (e.g. shift capacity, production information, employment, operating days, and submission completed) in the questionnaire; 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. The fax number of 250-356-7903 is provided if desired.

Please complete and return the survey by April 26th, 2016.

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 (Julie) Leng at (250) 356-7932 or email her at Mill.Survey@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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