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May 29, 2017

Dear Mill Contact,

Re: Annual Major Primary Timber Processing Facilities Survey

British Columbia (B.C.) has a vibrant and sustainable forest industry that supports the rural and provincial economy. To understand how logs are used in the province, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has conducted an annual major primary timber processing facilities survey since 1991. The survey gathers capacity, employment and production information, on each mill type across the province. The final report provides a comprehensive picture of wood fibre supply and log use in B.C. and allows for comparison with past surveys. The information your facility supplies is critical to aiding our negotiators in trade issues (e.g. softwood lumber) and forest policy makers, especially as fibre supply is declining with the damage caused by the mountain pine beetle.

The information that you provide in the survey is protected from disclosure under Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Only your company name, mill location, and an estimate of 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 at http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/fibre-mills/mill_report_2015_final_1.pdf.

This survey is sent to you electronically. Details of how to complete the survey are provided in the email. **Please complete and return the survey by the required reply date.**

If you are not the appropriate person to complete the survey, please forward this email to the proper contact. 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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