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October 25, 2000

Mr. Murray Summers
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Dear Mr. Summers:

Re: Slave Lake Pulp Detailed Forest Management Plan Status Update

The Slave Lake Pulp Corporation's (SLPC) Forest Management Agreement requires that the company complete a revised detailed forest management plan by November 15, 2000. This is a legislated requirement of the agreement.

The Company has met with the integrated planning team, including AENV, to work on the plan development, on a monthly basis since February 2000. At these monthly meetings some discussion has occurred regarding the terms of reference and goals and objectives for the FMA. However the main focus of the meetings has been on the timber supply analysis. There has been a formal submission of the Terms of Reference, however it has not been approved at this time. In an attempt to meet the November 15, 2000 deadline, SLPC has been trying to work on various stages of the DFMP concurrently.

As you are aware, all parts of the DFMP must be linked to clear, measurable goals and objectives, this includes the AAC determination. Although SLPC and the integrated planning team have had some discussion about the DFMP goals and objectives a formal submission to and approval by the department has not occurred.

The department recommends that SLPC revisit the Terms of Reference to determine if the level of commitment is what the company plans to follow and if the timelines presented are feasible. The department also recommends that SLPC consider the development of clear, measurable goals and objectives as the priority if the DFMP submission is to meet the deadline.

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It seems unlikely that the department will be able to approve the Terms of Reference and Goals and Objectives in time to accept the final submission of the remaining portions of the DFMP on November 15, 2000.

The department is prepared to discuss a possible DFMP due date extension provided that we receive a formal submission of the following by November 15, 2000:

1. A revised Terms of Reference (if considered).
2. Clear, measurable goals and objectives that link to the terms of reference and that have been reviewed by the integrated planning team.
3. Growth and yield data and documentation meeting the requirements outlined in the Supplemental Guidelines - Timber Supply Analysis Documentation Requirements.
4. Land base determination data and documentation meeting the requirements outlined in the Supplemental Guidelines - Timber Supply Analysis Documentation Requirements. The documentation should explain how the land base determination process is linked to the Company's goals and objectives. All necessary corrections as outlined in the September 20, 2000 letter to P. Sieusahai must be made to FMUs S1 and S1S AVI.

Once this submission has been made the department will evaluate the work that has been completed as of November 15, 2000 and work with SLPC to determine a new deadline that will result in an acceptable, defensible DFMP. At this point in time it may be necessary for AENV to re-determine the FMU S6S post-fire interim AAC.

We believe that everyone recognizes the need to complete the plan, utilizing close co-operation and consultation between the integrated planning team and the Company. There is considerable work to be done to address these items. Time is of the essence and we look forward to completion of the plan.

Sincerely,



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Director
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cc: Neil Barker, Regional Director, Northeast Boreal Region
Gordon Sanders, Woodland Manager, Slave Lake Pulp Corporation

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January 31, 2001

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Dear Mr. Summers:

Re: Slave Lake Pulp Corporation Detailed Forest Management Plan Deadline Extension

In accordance with your November 8, 2000 letter, Slave Lake Pulp Corporation submitted the following documents to AENV on November 15, 2000: Terms of Reference, Goals and Objectives, Growth and Yield data and documentation and Landbase Determination data and documentation, required for the development of the revised DFMP.

The department is currently reviewing these documents and your company will be notified of the results of that review as soon as possible. Please be aware that the Growth and Yield and Landbase Determination submissions must be approved prior to any further review of the Timber Supply Analysis.

One of the requirements listed in the "Interim Forest Management Planning Manual: Guidelines to Plan Development" states that the Company is required to formally present the Terms of Reference to the NWB Regional Board of Directors before the Terms of Reference can be approved. Patti Campsall (Marten Hills Forest Area) may be contacted to help co-ordinate this meeting.

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As a result of receiving these submissions, AENV is prepared to approve your request for an extension for submission of the completed SLPC Detailed Forest Management Plan to November 15, 2001.

Sincerely,

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Director
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cc: Al Hovan, Area Manager, Marten Hills Forest Area
Rory Thompson, Resource Management Centre, FMD

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June 15, 2001

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Re: Slave Lake Pulp Detailed Forest Management Plan

Dear Doug:

Slave Lake Pulp is currently on schedule to complete their Detailed Forest Management Plan for the November 15, 2001 submission deadline. The DFMP team has been active on a monthly basis with regular TSA meetings. The AVI has been approved and the yield curves just require final documented approval from the Resource Analysis Centre. The push has been to have all timber stakeholders agree on either independent FMU AAC calculations or FMA wide AAC calculations. As well, we are entertaining the concept of operating on a single landbase. These decisions must be made in the next month in order that the DFMP remain on schedule.

Due to the recent catastrophic fires in the S6 FMU, we are unsure as to whether or not all the timber stakeholders will be able to make well-informed decisions regarding the combining of either units or landbases. We anticipate that the fire mitigation strategies within the S6 unit may not be as clearly defined as they were after the 1998 fires.

Slave Lake Pulp desires to have consensus in the development of the DFMP and we believe that the restrictive timeframe created by the latest fire would detract from that process. We would like to request that the company be given a further extension of six months to fully address the approach to the fire losses in S6. This would place our submission date on May 15, 2002. We understand that all cuts would have to be retroactively approved and adjusted back to the beginning of the current quadrant, May 1, 2001.

Your prompt consideration of this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly, 

Gordon Sanders
Woodlands Manager
Alberta Plywood Ltd.

Cc: Al Hovan, District Director, Marten Hills District
Patti Campsall, Area Forester, Marten Hills District
Daryl Price, Centre Manager, Resource Analysis Centre



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June 27, 2001

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Dear Mr. Sanders:

I am pleased at your company's progress to date with the development of Slave Lake Pulp Corporation's detailed forest management plan. I acknowledge your concerns surrounding the uncertainty that the recent catastrophic fires in the S6 FMU have placed on your company and the timber stakeholders especially with respect to the timber supply analysis.

The department is prepared to approve your request for a further extension of six months, on the delivery of SLPC's detailed forest management plan, in order to address the issues surrounding the fire losses in S6. The new deadline date for SLPC's detailed forest management plan is May 15, 2002.

Sincerely,

for
D. (Doug) A. Sklar
Director
Forest Management

cc: Al Hovan
Daryl Price