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BY EMAIL

Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership
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Attention: Glenda Waddell, Environment Manager

Re: Letter of Support for Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership Northwood Pulp Mill Green Transformation Project and the PGI Mills Green Transformation Project - *Pulp and Paper Green Transformation Program*

The Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable Society (PG AIR) is pleased to provide this letter of support for Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership's (CPLP) submission to carry out the Northwood Pulp Mill Green Transformation Project and the PGI Mills Green Transformation Project under the federal *Pulp and Paper Green Transformation Program* (Green Transformation Program).

PG AIR is a community-based, non-profit society focused on improving air quality in the Prince George airshed. PG AIR is a multi-stakeholder group, with representatives from government, industry, business and community groups, the public, Northern Health Authority and the University of Northern BC. Through consensus-based decision making, PG AIR develops the Prince George Air Quality Management Plan (Plan), which sets out recommendations for voluntary actions intended to help improve air quality in the Prince George airshed.

Odour has been a significant issue in the Prince George airshed since the 1960s and has been measured as total reduced sulphur (TRS) since 1980. Prince George continues to experience some of the highest levels of TRS in communities in British Columbia, impacting the quality of life of many residents and earning the city an undesired notoriety from both local and national newspapers.

In addition, fine particulate matter (PM) has been a significant air quality issue in the Prince George airshed since at least the 1980s and has been monitored as PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} since 1992. Exposure to fine PM is linked to adverse human health impacts, including acute respiratory symptoms, chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function and premature death.



As such, management actions to limit or reduce fine PM and TRS are a key element of an overall strategy to manage and improve air quality in the Prince George airshed.

The significant reductions of odor and particulate expected from both the Northwood Pulp Mill Green Transformation Project (an estimated 70 percent reduction in TRS and reduction of fine PM by 50 percent) and the Prince George and Intercon Mills Green Transformation Project (an estimated average reduction in PM from approximately 220 mg/m to an of average 60 mg/m³) will significantly improve air quality in the Prince George airshed.

PG AIR fully supports CPLP's **Northwood Pulp Mill Green Transformation Project** and the **Prince George and Intercon (PGI) Mills Green Transformation Project** and looks forward to working with CPLP to continue to make positive changes to improve air quality in the community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 250-649-9114 or kgpgair@gmail.com.

Yours truly,

Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (PG AIR)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Graham".

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