



# PULP, PAPER AND WOODWORKERS OF CANADA

## Local 9

25 May 2010

**Re: Letter of Support for Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership  
Green Transformation Projects**

This letter of support for Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership's submission of Green Transformation Projects for the PG and Intercon Mills is written on behalf of the members of the Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada - Local 9.

The Prince George Pulp Mill Odour Reduction Project is a worthy one which will decrease what has been referred to as "the smell of money". This will be achieved by installing ducting and fans to collect otherwise fugitive vapours and direct them to the recovery boiler for incineration. The construction of a new electrostatic precipitator to reduce particulate emissions from the #1 power boiler at the PG mill addresses the single largest source of particulate from pulp mill sources in the Prince George air shed. By reducing pulp mill odour and particulate released from these two mills, they will alleviate some of the long standing concerns regarding air quality in the Prince George area. The Increased Biofuel Power Generation Project will improve the efficiency of the mills and will free up additional power for BC Hydro to direct elsewhere.

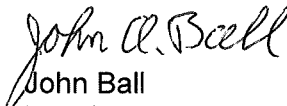
We are also pleased that our federal government's Pulp and Paper Green Transformation Program (PPGTP) is better thought out than the US biofuel subsidy. That program was intended to encourage the massive US trucking industry to use biofuel as an alternative to reduce diesel fuel usage. Instead, a loophole allowed US pulp and paper companies to mix diesel fuel into the black liquor stream and qualify for a cash rebate of nearly 8 billion dollars. US companies got paid to burn unnecessary diesel fuel and gained a huge economic advantage over mills in Canada. The Canadian program stipulates that pulp and paper companies must spend their money on *green* projects within Canada before receiving any taxpayer support.

These projects will help to improve air quality and keep our mills viable into the future. The pulp and paper industry has helped to build communities and provided support for education and health care for over 100 years in this province. As well, it provides long term sustainable employment from our forest resources.

The PPWC has always been interested and involved in how our forests are managed and the environmental impact of our mills. These projects and others like them will make our community a better place to grow up in, to work in and to live in.

Sincerely,

**PPWC Local 9**

  
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President

  
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