

CUSTOMER UPDATE

# Certifying Our Forests

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## 91% of Canfor's Harvest Volume Certified to Sustainable Forest Management Standards

Vancouver, B.C. - Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (CFP: TSX) announced the conclusion of registration audits for its Houston Operations in the Morice Timber Supply Area (TSA) and for the Fort St. John TSA Pilot Project, both in the northern interior of British Columbia. The audits were conducted by KPMG Performance Registrar Inc. and resulted in both operations being recommended for certification to the Canadian Standard Association's (CSA) Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) standard CAN/CSA-Z809-02.

"As a result of these certifications, Canfor can proudly declare that 91% of its harvest volume is certified to a SFM standard under either the CSA or Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI<sup>SM</sup>) programs", said David Emerson, President and CEO. "We made a commitment to our customers to pursue credible certification of our forestlands and we are living up to this commitment", he said.

The Houston CSA certification is being completed as part of the Morice and Lakes Innovative Forest Practices Agreement. This provincial program is designed to enable licensees to explore new forest management ideas in an operational setting to enhance timber supplies, community stability and social and environmental values. The CSA certification applies to Canfor's allowable annual cut of 1.1 million cubic metres, covering a forest area of 475,000 hectares.

The Fort St. John CSA certification is being put in place by the participants in a results-based pilot project under the Forest Practices Code of BC. The intent of the pilot project is to test ways to improve the administrative and regulatory framework of forest practices, while maintaining high environmental standards. The Fort St John certification is unique in that the certificate will be issued to a group of participants operating in the TSA including: BC Timber Sales, Cameron River Logging Ltd., Canadian Forest Products Ltd., Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd., Slocan Forest Products Ltd., and Tembec Inc. The certification will cover a forest area of 4.2 million hectares and a combined allowable annual cut for the participants of 2.1 million cubic metres.

The two certifications will include about 1.8 million cubic metres of Canfor's annual harvest and, when combined with existing certifications, will result in a total of 8.5 million cubic metres, or 91% of Canfor's total being certified to sustainable forest management standards.

## Canfor Certification Progress

Certification Standard	Status
ISO 14001	All forestlands certified
CSA	TFL's 30, 37, 48, Grand Prairie FMA, Fort St. John and Morice TSA's certified
SFI	Prince George & Quesnel TSA's and TFL 30 certified

## Canfor's SFM Certified Forest Operations

- 1) TFL 37
- 2) TFL 48
- 3) Grande Prairie FMA
- 4) TFL 30
- 5) Prince George & Quesnel TSA licences
- 6) Fort St. John TSA
- 7) Morice TSA



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## Revised CSA Sustainable Forest Management Standard Approved

The CSA Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Standard was first published as a National Standard of Canada in 1996. Canada's national standards system requires that standards be reviewed and, if appropriate, revised approximately 5 years after they are first published to ensure they remain current and relevant. In keeping with this requirement the CSA SFM standard review and revision process began in 2001 with the work carried out by the CSA SFM Technical Committee. The Committee is made up of a balanced matrix of stakeholders representing a variety of interests in forest management. The revision process concluded in June 2003 with the standard again being approved by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) as a National Standard of Canada.

Most of the changes to the standard focused on streamlining the structure to make it more readable and understandable. However, a new SFM Element was added to enhance the requirement to recognize sites of special biological significance in the forest management area and to implement strategies for their long-term maintenance. The revised standard has maintained the rigorous public participation component as a key requirement. All certifications under the 1996 version of the standard must be upgraded to the revised standard within 3 years of the SCC approval, in other words by June 2006.

Unlike the 1996 version of the standard, the revised version is available free of charge from CSA-International and can be downloaded at:

<http://www.csa.ca/%5Crepository%5Cgroup%5CZ809-02july.pdf>

## Pan European Forest Certification (PEFC)

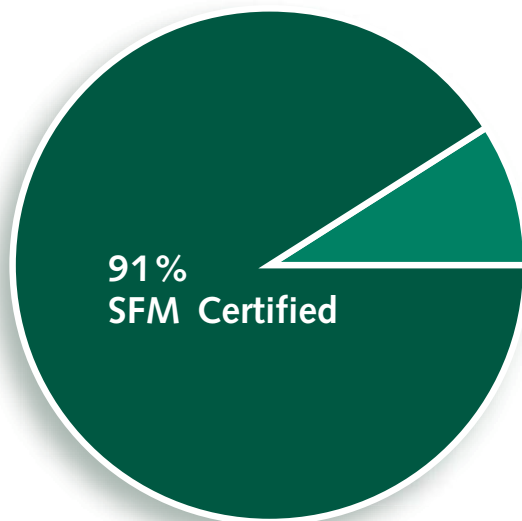
The Pan European Forest Certification Council was created in 1999 as an umbrella organization to provide a framework for the mutual recognition of credible national or regional forest certification standards. These standards are developed to meet internationally recognized requirements for sustainable forest management. PEFC, as the name implies, was originally created as a European-only organization. Since its creation PEFC has grown to 26 national members and now includes

non-European countries Canada, the US, Australia, Malaysia, Brazil and Chile. Canada was the first non-European country to join PEFC in 2001 and CSA International holds the PEFC membership on behalf of Canada.

Since its formation PEFC has increasingly gained brand recognition and credibility throughout Europe. At the PEFC General Assembly held in Luxembourg on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003 a decision was made to retain the PEFC acronym and logo but to change the organization's name to the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes to recognize that the organization has grown beyond the European community. The General Assembly also elected a new Board of Directors which now includes 2 non-European members, one each from Canada and the United States.

CSA International is preparing to submit the CSA SFM standard for PEFC endorsement before the end of 2003. While the CSA standard is a rigorous and credible standard on its own, PEFC endorsement will enhance CSA's European market acceptance.

### Total Canfor Annual Harvest 9.4 million m<sup>3</sup>



Annual Harvest Certified to SFM Standards (CSA & SFI)  
8.5 million m<sup>3</sup>

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