

MEDIA STATEMENT

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**TimberWest committed to sustainable forestry
refutes Steelworkers allegations**

Vancouver (BC) – Allegations by the Steelworkers regarding TimberWest's harvesting practices do not tell the full story and are only being raised now as the union continues to attempt to deflect attention from their unrealistic demands at the labour bargaining table.

It is disingenuous that the Steelworkers' union has chosen to present selected facts regarding the harvesting that took place at Kweishun Bowl.

We are aware of the unusual circumstances related to the Kweishun Bowl area. The valley rock blockage results in a temporary flooding of a gravel area which is otherwise covered with terrestrial plants including fireweed, clovers and sedges. The area was investigated by TimberWest in 2005 and found not to be a wetland. It was also evident there were no fisheries values and minimal wildlife values in the area. The attached photos taken September 25, 2007 show the area is in fact a gravel meadow.

TimberWest does recognize that while the harvesting was done in accordance with prescribed regulations, its timing could have been better planned so as not to coincide with the temporary flooding that took place in the area in 2006.

The company has effective systems in place and ensures that harvesting meets all regulatory requirements, certification requirements, company policies and procedures.

This system works and has been at the core of the company operations for 15 years. Our forest management activities are conducted in a manner that protects biological diversity, forest productivity and the key environmental values of water quality, fish habitat, soil productivity and critical wildlife habitat.

TimberWest continually strives to deliver on our social and environmental license to operate while meeting the increasing market demand for products from timberlands that have been independently certified as having high standards of environmental management. TimberWest has achieved third party certification of all operations under ISO 14001 and of our private lands under the Sustainable Forestry InitiativeSM program. We remain committed to sustainability.

The union's motivation is questionable to say the least. The event took place well over one year ago and the union is only raising the issue now during the midst of a labour dispute.

TimberWest Corporate Profile

TimberWest Forest Corp. is uniquely positioned as the largest owner of private forest lands in western Canada. The Company owns in fee simple approximately 334,000 hectares or 825,000 acres of private timberland that, over the previous five years, have provided an annual average harvest of 2.594 million m³ of logs and have an approximate annual growth rate of 8.0 m³ per hectare per year on the productive land base. These timberlands are located on Vancouver Island and the majority of the land base supports the growth of Douglas fir, a premium tree species sought after for structural purposes. TimberWest runs fully-contracted harvesting operations. With almost 80% of the Company's annual private land logging now being done in second-growth stands, TimberWest leads the Coastal industry in the growing and harvesting of second-growth timber.

The Company's independent auditor, KPMG Performance Registrar Inc., periodically certifies that the forest management practices on the Company's private timberland continue to meet all Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) requirements. SFI requirements specify that forest harvesting is integrated with environmental and conservation goals for soil, wildlife, water quality protection, conservation of biodiversity, protection of special sites and aesthetics in a manner that ensures a sustainable harvest over the long-term.

TimberWest also owns renewable Crown harvest rights to 0.7 million m³ of logs per year and operates a sawmill located near Campbell River, BC.

In addition, approximately 38,000 hectares or 94,000 acres of the Company's private forest lands have been identified as having greater value as real estate properties and will progressively be made available for higher uses over the next ten to fifteen years. The Company reviews its land base on a periodic basis to update the size of its portfolio of higher use properties.

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