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## **CLARK S. BINKLEY ELECTED TO TIMBERWEST FOREST CORP. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Anthony Petrina Retires**

Vancouver (BC) – TimberWest Forest Corp. is pleased to announce the election today of Clark S. Binkley, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the TimberWest Forest Corp. Board of Directors. Prior to April 1, 2005, Mr. Binkley was Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of the Hancock Timber Resources Group (HTRG), a timberland investment company he has been with since August 1998. On April 1, 2005, Mr. Binkley retired from HTRG but will continue to provide specialized timberland investment advisory services to a select group of investors. Between 1990 and 1998, Mr. Binkley was the dean of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and, prior to that, served on the faculty at Yale University in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies for 12 years. Mr. Binkley also serves on the Boards of Directors of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. and Cellfor Ltd.

“We are delighted with Clark’s election to our Board of Directors; his vast experience in timberland investment and management as well as his broad forest products experience will be invaluable to TimberWest,” said Mr. Edward Daughney, Chairman of the TimberWest Forest Corp. Board of Directors.

Mr. Binkley replaces Anthony Petrina who has retired from the TimberWest Board. Mr. Petrina has been on the Board of Directors since the Company’s inception in June 1997. “I would like to thank Tony for his contribution to our Board of Directors. Tony’s experience in the natural resource sector was a tremendous asset to TimberWest,” said Daughney.

### **Corporate Profile**

TimberWest Forest Corp. is uniquely positioned as the largest owner of private forest lands in western Canada. The Company’s 334,000 hectares, providing a sustainable annual harvest of 2.5 million m<sup>3</sup> of logs, are located on Vancouver Island and predominantly support the growth of Douglas fir forests, a premium species used for structural purposes. TimberWest runs fully-contracted harvesting operations. With approximately 70% of the Company’s logging now being done in second-growth stands, TimberWest leads the industry in the harvest of second-growth timber. Third party auditors have certified that the management of the Company’s private forest land conforms to the objectives and performance measures of the American Forest and Paper Association’s Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®). The computation of the Company’s recently revised long-run sustainable yield will be validated by the Company’s external SFI® auditor, KPMG Performance Registrar Inc., in the first half of 2005. TimberWest also owns renewable Crown harvest rights to 0.8 million m<sup>3</sup> of logs per year and operates a lumbermill located near Campbell River, BC. In addition, approximately 6,000 hectares of the Company’s private forest lands have been identified as having greater value as real estate properties and are progressively being made available for higher uses.

**Additional Information**

TimberWest Stapled Units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) under the symbol "TWF.UN".

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