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Mr. Vince Keenan
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Dear Mr. Keenan:

Re: Environmental Impact Statement for the Tembec 2009-2028 Forest Stewardship Plan

We have now completed our review of comments received from the public and the Provincial Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with respect to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tembec 2009-2028 Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP).

The review has generated requests for additional information. Please provide detailed responses to the following enclosed comments from TAC and the public:

- January 4, 2010 e-mail from Jonathan Stephens of the Sustainable Resource and Policy Management Branch;
- “Comments relating to Tembec’s 20-year Operating Plan and Environmental Impact Statement” (from the Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch);
- January 8, 2010 comments on Sections 2, 3, and 5 of the FSP, and comments on Section 3 of the EIS by Manitoba Water Stewardship; and
- questions pertaining to the environmental assessment in the January 11, 2010 letter from Manitoba Wildlands.

The environmental assessment review process under the Environment Act will continue upon receipt of your response to the above requested information.

The following comments on the EIS and FSP by TAC are enclosed for your information:

- December 18, 2009 e-mail from Chuck Jones of the Department of Innovation, Energy and Mines;
- The remaining portion of the January 8, 2010 comments from Manitoba Water Stewardship for which comments were not requested above; and
- December 30, 2009 Memorandum from the Provincial Planning Services Branch of the Department of Local Government.

In the enclosed January 28, 2010 letter, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency indicates that an environmental assessment under The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act may be required. Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Natural Resources Canada require additional information to determine if they have environmental assessment responsibilities for this project. Please provide this information to the Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch for coordination with and distribution to the Federal government. Transport Canada has provided comments and Health Canada has offered to provide specialist advice with respect to the project.

If you have any questions, you may contact Elise Dagdick at elise.dagdick@gov.mb.ca or at 945-8173.

Yours truly,



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Director
Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch

Enclosure

- c. Public Registries, File: 4572.00
 - John Dojack, Forestry Branch (letter only)
 - Don Labossiere, Environmental Operations (letter only)
 - Tim Swanson, Eastern Region IRMT (letter only)
 - John Irwin, Eastern Region (letter only)
 - Jim P. Morrell, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency