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Brent May
District Manager
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO)
Box 999
Burns Lake B.C., V0J 1E0

Re: Burns Lake Community Forest —Forest Certification Process

Dear Mr. May:

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention the proceedings of the forest certification process that Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd. (BLCF) has been working on in the last 15 months.

As you are aware, BLCF embarked on a vision of being the top performing community forest in B.C. with a strong mission to operate the Community Forest Agreement K1A in a safe, profitable, and innovative manner that enhances the forest resources while respectful to the principles of integrated use, environmental stewardship, and public consultation.

The Board of Directors of Burns Lake Community Forest identified three key projects to achieve the intent of this mission:

- 1) Complete a Mountain Pine Beetle Mitigation Project to move BLCF beyond the beetle salvage mode;
- 2) Complete an operational and financial analysis to assess long-term sustainability and viability of the K1A licence;
- 3) Attain Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification to show that:
 - a. BLCF puts United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights (UNDRIP) at the front of forest management
 - b. BLCF manages the K1A licence to the highest environmental stewardship standards available in the world
 - c. BLCF explores increased opportunities for fiber utilization and sustainable economic opportunities

I am very excited and pleased to report, as per the K1A license Sschedule "D" 1.03 Forest Certification, that Burns Lake Community Forest is FSC Certified under the FSC regional Certification standards for BC (2005), and under FSC-POL-01-004 for the period of December 30, 2021. (Proof of Certification attached). I have also attached a record of conversation between Frank Varga RPF, General Manager and Jevan Hanchard RPF, Nadina District Manager at the time, requesting an extension to the March 31,2017 certification deadline.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Frank Varga, RPF
General Manager
Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd
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