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Mr. Vince Keenan Tembec Enterprises Inc. P.O. Box 10 Pine Falls, MB R0E 1M0

Dear Mr. Keenan:

SUBJECT: Tembec Environmental Impact Statement of the FML No. 1 2010 – 2029 Forest Stewardship Plan

The Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch of Manitoba Conservation forwarded copies of your proposal to the regional office of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency). Manitoba Conservation requested that the Agency, on behalf of federal government departments, identify any environmental assessment requirements that would exist under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (the Act) with respect to your project.

I have completed a survey of federal departments with respect to determining any interests pertaining to the project. The project information provided by Manitoba Conservation has been reviewed by all federal departments with potential interest.

Please accept this letter as notification that an environmental assessment of the project under the Act <u>may</u> be necessary. Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) have indicated that they require additional information to determine whether they have environmental assessment responsibilities for this project. A summary of the information requests follow.

Additional Information Requirements

DFO requires further information regarding the on-going forestry operations to determine whether or not it has responsibilities under the *Fisheries Act*. Please refer to the attached DFO letter that provides additional details related to its areas of interest. The DFO response also includes recommendations and a number of links to guidance documents for your consideration. The DFO contact for this project is Jeff Moyer. He can be reached at (204) 622-4072.

NRCan requests that Tembec provide information on federal ownership of the lands for the project and indicate any federal funding applications for the project. The NRCan contact for this project is Amie Baker. She can be reached at (613) 943-6513.

Other Federal Interest

Please also note that Environment Canada has indicated that it would like to participate in the provincial environmental assessment review process in the absence of a federal environmental assessment. Transport Canada has provided some general comments for your consideration with respect to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* (See attached response). Health Canada may possess specialist advice relevant to the project if specifically requested.

I have enclosed the Agency letter to Manitoba Conservation as well as the federal survey responses for your records.

If you have any questions concerning the Act or its Regulations, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (204) 983-7997 or by e-mail at: jim.morrell@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Sincerely

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