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Skeena Sawmills Achieves Sustainable Forest Management Certification

VANCOUVER – Skeena Sawmills’ mill and forest operations near Terrace, British Columbia, have earned certification to the globally respected and independent Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) standards.

“One of our core commitments is to consistently improve our sustainable forest practices,” said Teddy Cui, President and CEO of Skeena Sawmills. “Certification to the SFI and PEFC standards is proof that we are delivering on that promise and meeting the highest environmental, social and economic standards possible.”

Mr. Cui added that the certification is important to global customers and aligns with the company’s plans to invest \$40 million and double capacity over the next few years.

Independent auditors from KPMG, an accredited certification body, recommended the certification after inspecting Skeena Sawmills’ planning, procedures and processes in its woodlands operations and its mill.

“SFI and PEFC are rigorous standards that have requirements to protect biodiversity, wildlife habitat, First Nations values; and to ensure public engagement,” said Greg DeMille, woodlands manager. “We are proud to achieve this certification in the region and join a growing list of sustainability leaders around the globe.”

"At SFI we believe that managing our forests responsibly contributes to everyone's quality of life, and we thank Skeena Sawmills for their commitment to responsible management and procurement of forest resources," said Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of SFI Inc.

Third-party certification provides a link between sustainable forest management and responsible purchasing. The SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard promotes sustainable forestry practices and the SFI Fibre Sourcing Standard is a commitment to ensure all fibre sources are from legal and responsible sources. PEFC endorses national and/or regional forest certification standards like SFI that meet its rigorous criteria.

About Skeena Sawmills

Skeena Sawmills Ltd. (<http://skeenasawmills.com>) is a Canadian corporation headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, with sawmill and forest operations in Terrace, BC. Its sawmill has a capacity of approximately 120 million board feet of lumber production annually, and is located 135 kilometres from the Port of Prince Rupert. Skeena Sawmills is one of the largest Pacific Coast Hemlock sawmilling facilities in British Columbia, producing a wide variety of quality Hem-Fir products for domestic and international markets.

About the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Inc. (SFI)

SFI® Inc. (www.sfiprogram.org) is a sustainability leader that stands for future forests. It is an independent, non-profit organization that provides supply chain assurances, produces conservation outcomes, and supports education and community engagement. SFI works with the forest sector, brand owners, conservation groups, resource professionals, landowners, educators, local communities, Indigenous peoples, governments, and universities. SFI standards and on-product labels help consumers make responsible purchasing decisions.

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