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MINISTER PETERSON CONVENES DISCUSSIONS ON NAFTA AND SOFTWOOD LUMBER

International Trade Minister Jim Peterson will convene round table talks in Toronto to discuss the softwood lumber issue on Monday, October 31, 2005.

Monday's discussions will include a CEO round table to examine the importance of maintaining the integrity of NAFTA and a meeting with Canada's legal team to take stock of Canada's softwood lumber litigation actions both within NAFTA and at the WTO.

Separately, on October 28, 2005, the U.S. Department of Commerce will make public its response to clear instructions from the NAFTA remand panel on countervailing duties. The U.S. could comply and find a rate that falls below *de minimis*, effectively admitting there is no subsidy for Canadian softwood lumber, or it could find a revised countervailing duty rate that would keep duties in place.

Event: Meeting with Canada's legal team (photo opportunity at the beginning of the meeting)

Date: Monday, October 31, 2005

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Minister's regional office
150 King Street West, Suite 2404
Toronto, Ontario

Event: CEO round table on NAFTA (photo opportunity at the beginning of the meeting)

Date: Monday, October 31, 2005

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Location: Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters conference on North American competitiveness at the Sheraton Centre Hotel
123 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

