

FOREWORD

Forest products are Canada's most important natural resource. Throughout Canada's history, the forest industry has played a major role in the economic growth of Canada and still provides thousands of jobs across the country.

Goods and services associated with Canada's forestry industry are recognized in the international market as superior in terms of advanced technology, quality and product innovation. Canadian expertise in the forest industry spans from the latest, most efficient techniques in harvesting to processed and value added products. Canadian forestry specialists provide equipment, training and management and all other support necessary for efficient and profitable operations.

To protect and preserve these vast but fragile forests, Canada has become a leader in environmentally sustainable forest management and through research and development has developed products that surpass the highest environmental world standards.