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RE: Ongoing moratorium on logging and boycott of Weyerhaeuser Corporation.

Dear Logging companies, mill operators, distributors, retailers, customers, builders, architects, investors, advisors, analysts, and proxy holders,

I am writing on behalf of the Grassy Narrows First Nation Band Council to repeat our position on sourcing conflict wood and forest products from our Traditional Territory. We continue to call for the boycott and divestment of Weyerhaeuser Corporation due to their violation of our human rights as Indigenous Peoples.

On January 17, 2007 our community announced that:

We now declare a moratorium on all further industrial activity in our Traditional Territory until such a time as the Governments of Canada and Ontario restore their honour and gain the consent of our community in these decisions that will forever alter the future of our people.

On September 11, 2007, at the outset of our resolution process with the Province, Chief Simon Fobister issued a press release clarifying that:

Grassy Narrows First Nation continues to call for a moratorium on all on-the-ground activities such as forestry harvesting and mining explorations while discussions with Justice Iacobucci proceed.

Our position has not changed. It is unacceptable for companies to profit from logging the very forests at issue in negotiations over our land rights. If this policy of talk and log continues there will soon be no mature forests left to negotiate over. Unwanted logging has a severe impact on our community's ability to sustain our health, culture, and livelihood. We consider any logging on our territory without our consent, and any sourcing of these products to be a violation of our inherent human rights as Indigenous Peoples as reflected in FSC Principle 3, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples and other National and International law.

Weyerhaeuser is now the only multi-national logging company in our region which refuses to publicly commit to respect our rights. Boise, Abitibi-Bowater, and Domtar have all made a commitment not to source from our Territory unless and until the conflict is resolved. An analysis of the Government of Ontario's publicly published wood supply data for Northwestern Ontario reveals that Weyerhaeuser could respect Grassy Narrows' moratorium indefinitely without closing any mills, by utilizing alternate supplies of equivalent proximity.

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Weyerhaeuser claims that they support our ongoing negotiations with the Province of Ontario. We do not consider this position to be sufficient as it does not respect our human rights as Indigenous Peoples to say 'no' to unwanted logging, as reflected in the right to free, prior, and informed consent over land use decisions. We have never given our consent to any logging on our territory, and we have repeatedly said 'no'.

It is important to understand that Weyerhaeuser's actions do not respect nor support the ongoing processes designed to bring about resolution of outstanding issues between Grassy Narrows First Nation and the provincial government. Instead Weyerhaeuser continues to publicly state that they require wood from Grassy Narrows Territory without regard for the outcomes of our process with the province, and that obtaining access to our wood is a top priority. Behind the scenes Weyerhaeuser continues to pressure the community of Grassy Narrows and the Government of Ontario to gain access to wood from Grassy Narrows Territory regardless of our rights and interests. It is largely due to pressure from Weyerhaeuser that the Province has prepared a 3-year contingency logging plan which includes 17 clearcuts over 260 ha. in size on our Traditional Territory. We had no meaningful input into this plan, and yet it appears to prejudice the potential outcomes of our negotiations. Weyerhaeuser's pressure hangs over our heads and makes good faith negotiations that meaningfully take into account our rights and interests very difficult.

Far from respecting and supporting our process with the Province Weyerhaeuser's actions have been a primary irritant preventing reconciliation of our long standing conflict over logging. It is unacceptable for companies to profit from logging the very forests at issue in negotiations over our land rights. If this policy of talk and log continues there will soon be no mature forests left to negotiate over. The only way for Weyerhaeuser to correct this violation of our rights is to publicly commit not to log or source wood products from our Territory unless and until we give our free, prior, and informed consent, and outstanding conflicts are resolved.

It is also important that you take note that the recent Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement does not apply to Grassy Narrows Traditional Territory which is entirely outside the area covered by the agreement. Therefore Weyerhaeuser's participation in that process has absolutely no bearing on their violation of our rights.

We call on you to publicly commit not to source any products that contain wood from Grassy Narrows Territory unless and until our free, prior, and informed consent has been given, and outstanding conflicts resolved. We will work with our supporters to promote, monitor, and enforce this position. We call on you to boycott and divest all companies who refuse to make this commitment.

The mills that could potentially source conflict wood from Grassy Narrows Territory include:

- 1) Weyerhaeuser Trus Joist Timberstrand iLevel mill in Kenora (makes Timberstrand LSL)
- 2) Kenora Forest Products in Keewatin, owned by Prendiville Industries (sawmill)
- 3) Ainsworth Engineered Corp mill in Barwick (composite solids and panels)
- 4) Atikokan Forest Products Ltd. Fort Francis (med. sawmill)
- 5) Manitou Forest Products Ltd.in Emo (med. sawmill)
- 6) 531322 Ontario Ltd. Fort Francis (med. sawmill)

Please confirm that you will not source from these mills any products that contain Grassy Narrows wood as long as we say 'no' to logging on our Territory.

The following mills and companies have committed not to source conflict wood from Grassy Narrows:

- 1) Boise, including their International Falls Minnesota paper mill
- 2) Abitibi-Bowater, including their Fort Francis pulp mill
- 3) Domtar, including their Ear Falls, formerly Weyerhaeuser, soon to be EACOM (sawmill)
- 4) Domtar, including their Dryden, formerly Weyerhaeuser (pulp and paper)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon H. Fobister". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grassy Narrows Chief Simon Fobister.

CC

Grand Council of Treaty 3
Chiefs of Ontario
Earthroots
Amnesty International
Greenpeace
Rainforest Action Network
Council of Canadians
Canadian Union of Public Employees