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Dear Ministers Fraser, Trevena and Donaldson:

RE: Support for Port Alberni-Anacla/Bamfield Road Upgrade Proposal

On behalf of Western Forest Products, Inc., I am writing to express our strong support for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations (Huu-ay-aht) efforts to secure funding from your government to upgrade the Port Alberni–Anacla/Bamfield Road.

In recent years, Huu-ay-aht has worked diligently with local government and stakeholders, other industrial users and area First Nations to secure support for this initiative. Discussions with respect to chip sealing the road have been premised on the understanding that the road will continue to be used for industrial purposes, and that any upgrades will not preclude ongoing use of low-bed vehicles and logging trucks. In Western’s view, chip sealing all or significant portions of the road will result in reduced costs and maintenance across multiple industries, and improved travel times for all users, including Western’s staff and contractors, Huu-ay-aht Citizens and Bamfield residents, and support positive growth for the region.

We were honoured to have Minister Fraser join us at the December 14, 2018 announcement of the new limited partnership we will establish with Huu-ay-aht to operate TFL 44. More than ever, we are working collaboratively with Huu-ay-aht to support the renewal of the forest sector in Port Alberni.

Sincerely,



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Vice President and Chief Forester

Cc: Chief Councillor Robert Dennis, Huu-ay-aht First Nations
John Jack, Chairperson, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
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