



February 28, 2024

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RE: Request to Extend EAL 2191E Approval Decision for Six Months

Dear Agnes:

Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. (LP) has written to Forestry and Peatlands Branch requesting an extension of the FMP decision date to September 30, 2024. We are asking you for the same extension decision date for the Environment Act Licence 2191E.

As you know, Manitoba and LP have been meeting with three First Nations respecting the 20 Year FMP pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of September 2022. These Nations are Minegoziibe Anishinabe (MA), Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation (WSFN) and Sapotaweyak Cree Nation (SCN). Under this MOU, both LP and Manitoba allocated funding for the Nations to obtain studies they deemed fit.

We have received one study on moose on August 31, 2023. LP responded to same on November 13, 2023. MA and WSFN have since provided a report on hydrology on December 23, 2023 and a report entitled "Review of the FML #3 FMP" on January 23, 2024.

At the last technical table meeting on February 21, 2024, the Nations advised that more studies are forthcoming. WSFN advised that it has five more studies coming on birds, climate change, archeological resources, hydrology, and plants. This is in addition to a report on marten provided by WSFN on February 20, 2024. MA plans to provide one additional report on moose. SCN plans to provide a traditional land use study. Each Nation has either commissioned or expressed an interest in commissioning a TLUS, but to date, we have not received any report. To the extent that we do receive such a report, LP would like to consider same.

LP is interested in understanding the views of the experts of the Nations and wants to respond in a reasonable period of time. We are told that many of the studies are coming in March, many

at the end of March. Of course, this is the time that the FMP and Environment Act Licence is due for decision.

As such, due to the reports coming at this late stage and due to the desire to engage on the materials, we are asking for a six-month extension so that more discussion can occur and so LP can respond to the studies already provided.

The extension would allow LP to continue to operate and the Government of Manitoba to complete the consultation process and make a decision on the FMP and Environment Act Licence on September 30, 2024.

Sincerely,



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