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## **Modern Slavery Statement – Financial Year 2023**

### **Organization and Structure**

533399 BC Ltd. is the parent corporation of a group of companies.

Porcupine Wood Products Ltd. operates as the mill facility and Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd. operates as the woodland division.

Porcupine Wood Products Ltd. was established in 1993, in Salmo, British Columbia – the south-east corner of the province. The facility consists of a sawmill with a small and large log breakdown line, a planner mill, and a re-manufacturing plant. The business is family owned and operated, with over 35 years of experience in the forest industry.

Our annual production is based on a single shift capacity of approximately 30 mmbf.

We are a fully integrated forest company. Our model is to extract value from the logs we process, starting with the harvesting of Western Red Cedar logs and through to the finished product. Using this model, we can do more with the sustainable wood basket we have to work with.

Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd. manages two volume-based forest licenses located in the Selkirk Forest District with a total AAC of 70 000 m<sup>3</sup>. The forest license tenure commences at the eastern extent of Kootenay Lakes West Arm and extends northward in fragmented parcels into the upper reaches of the Duncan River drainage.

Cooper Creek Cedar as an organization is committed to sustainable forestry practices, the preservation of ecological process and integrity and maintaining a strong social license through collaboration with local communities within the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

### **Supply Chains**

The organization purchases lumber and round wood from suppliers within the province of British Columbia. Our suppliers range from individuals to small and medium-sized enterprises.

### **Due Diligence**

We are certified under Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). As part of this certification, we conduct ongoing due diligence to avoid controversial sources in our supply chain. This due diligence system (DDS) applies to all sources and suppliers

for wood input materials (round wood and lumber). The certification also requires us to complete training with our employees to ensure they have the most current knowledge of our chain of custody requirements.

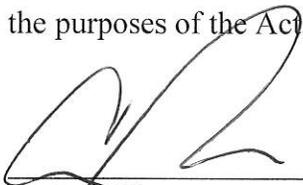
**Policies**

Our group of companies follow the employment standards of the province of British Columbia for hiring, payment, compensation and working conditions in our workplace.

**Conclusion**

Based on our strict adherence of the employment standards of the province of British Columbia, and our participation in the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) we believe we have managed the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking in our company and supply chain.

“In accordance with the requirements of the Act, and in particular section 11 thereof, I attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report for the entity or entities listed above. Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Act, for the reporting year listed above.”



- I have the authority to bind 533399 BC LTD.

Craig Upper

Director

May 28, 2024