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NEWS RELEASE

**WEST FRASER TIMBER CO. LTD.
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Attention: Business & Financial Editors
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Decisive Canadian Victory in Softwood Lumber Dispute

Vancouver, B.C – West Fraser is pleased with another decisive victory in the ongoing softwood lumber dispute as a result of today's ruling from a NAFTA Extraordinary Challenge Committee (ECC), which unanimously affirmed the ruling of a NAFTA panel that the antidumping and countervailing duty orders against Canadian lumber were unlawful.

The ECC upheld a NAFTA panel ruling that evidence relied upon by the U.S. did not support its finding that Canadian imports threatened to injure the U.S. industry and further confirmed the panel's specific instruction that the U.S. find no threat of injury.

"Although today's decision is not unexpected, we are thrilled with the outcome," says Hank Ketcham, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This is a decisive victory for West Fraser and the Canadian industry, and it confirms the position we have maintained since this dispute began in 2001."

The U.S. has collected more than \$4 billion in deposits from Canadian producers under these illegal orders. Although the U.S. has said it is not legally obligated to refund the deposits, another NAFTA panel recently ruled - in a related West Fraser appeal of the antidumping order – that the U.S. has no authority to keep deposits collected pursuant to an invalid order.

"We fully expect the U.S. Department of Commerce to respect the NAFTA panel's direction and return the Canadian industry's \$4 billion, including the approximately \$400 million deposited by West Fraser to June 30, 2005."

West Fraser is an integrated forest products company that produces lumber, LVL, MDF, plywood, pulp, linerboard, kraft paper and newsprint. The Company has manufacturing operations in British Columbia, Alberta and the southern United States. West Fraser has approximately 7,300 employees and is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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West Fraser shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol: WFT. The Company's web site is: www.westfraser.com.

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