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NEWS RELEASE

**WEST FRASER TIMBER CO. LTD.
("WFT")
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West Fraser Provides Update on Weldwood Acquisition

Vancouver, November 9, 2004 – West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. ("West Fraser") today provided an update on its previously announced acquisition of Weldwood of Canada Limited from International Paper Company.

The acquisition by West Fraser of Weldwood of Canada Limited from International Paper Company is subject to West Fraser obtaining certain regulatory clearances. The Canadian Competition Bureau has not completed its review of the transaction. West Fraser is currently in discussions with the Competition Bureau.

Martti Solin, West Fraser's Chief Financial Officer stated: "We are working through the process with all of the regulatory agencies and expect to close this transaction by year-end."

West Fraser is an integrated forest products company that produces lumber, wood chips, MDF, plywood, pulp, linerboard, kraft paper and newsprint. The Company has manufacturing operations in British Columbia, Alberta and the southern United States. West Fraser is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia. Currently, the Company has approximately 4,000 employees.

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West Fraser Common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol
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