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WEST FRASER TIMBER CO. LTD. ("WFT")

Premier Gordon Campbell Officially Opens West Fraser's Newest Sawmill

British Columbia's Premier, Gordon Campbell, today officially opened West Fraser's newest sawmill at Chasm, British Columbia.

The Premier joined company employees and local community leaders in a startup of the \$80 million facility that will employ 350 people including woodland contractors.

"We are especially pleased that the Premier joined us today," stated West Fraser Chairman, President and CEO, Hank Ketcham, "as it is his vision for the future of British Columbia that encouraged us to make this significant investment."

The mill consists of a 2-line sawmill, kilns and a planermill with an annual capacity of 200,000 mfbm of dimension lumber.

The positive economic impact of the mill will be felt most directly in the communities of Clinton and 100 Mile House. Other communities that utilize by-products from lumber manufacturing will also benefit.

"While these are challenging times for Canada's forest industry", added Ketcham, "we at West Fraser feel that this investment demonstrates our confidence in our employees, in Canada's ability to prevail in addressing the present lumber trade issue and in the future of British Columbia's forest sector".

West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd, a Canadian company headquartered in British Columbia, is one of Canada's largest integrated forest products companies with manufacturing operations in British Columbia, Alberta and the southern United States producing dimension lumber and related solid wood products, fibreboard, pulp, linerboard, kraft paper and newsprint.

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