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INTRODUCTION

All dollar amounts in this annual information form (this "**Annual Information Form**") are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated. A reference to "we", "our", "us", the "Company" or "Conifex" in this document is to the consolidated operations of Conifex Timber Inc. and its subsidiaries. Our reporting currency is the Canadian dollar. Some figures and percentages may not total exactly due to rounding. Unless otherwise indicated, the information in this Annual Information Form is given as of December 31, 2015.

We have obtained certain information contained in this Annual Information Form concerning the industries in which we operate from publicly available information from third party sources. We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of any information contained in such publicly available information. In addition, we have not determined if any such third party has omitted to disclose any facts, information or events which may have occurred prior to or subsequent to the date as of which any such information became publicly available or which may affect the significance or accuracy of any information contained in any such information and summarized herein.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this Annual Information Form constitute forward-looking statements. The use of any of the words "aim", "anticipate", "contemplate", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "might", "will", "could", "project", "should", "believe", "design", "potential", "target", "intend", "outlook", "position" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. We believe the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions. However, no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct, and the forward-looking statements included in this Annual Information Form should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this Annual Information Form.

In particular, this Annual Information Form may contain forward-looking statements pertaining to the following: growth and future prospects of our business; results of operations and performance; our perception of the industries or markets in which we operate and anticipated trends in such markets and in the countries in which we do business; our ability to supply our manufacturing operations with wood fibre and the cost of wood fibre; continued positive relations with Aboriginal groups; realization of the expected benefits of our completed and contemplated capital projects; the development of a longer-term capital plan and the expected benefits therefrom; demand and prices for our products; our ability to develop new revenue streams; the use of credit facilities or proceeds therefrom; and future capital expenditures.

Forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to expectations, beliefs, assumptions, estimates and forecasts about our business and the industries and markets in which we operate. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions which are difficult to predict. Assumptions underlying our expectations regarding forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Information Form include, among others: that we will complete our projects in the expected timeframes and as budgeted; that we will effectively market our products; that capital expenditure levels will be consistent with our estimated capital expenditures; our ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms, or at all; that interest and foreign exchange rates will not vary materially from current levels; and the general stability of the economic environments within the countries where we conduct operations. The foregoing list of assumptions is not exhaustive.

Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of the following risk factors and those set forth elsewhere in this Annual Information Form:

- fluctuations in prices and demand;
- currency risk;
- fibre availability and cost;
- competition;

- capital projects;
- combustible dust;
- transportation limitations;
- operational curtailments;
- expiry of the Softwood Lumber Agreement (as defined herein);
- regulatory risks;
- reliance on directors, management and key personnel;
- liquidity risk;
- information systems security threats;
- natural disasters;
- MPB (as defined herein) infestation;
- environment;
- stumpage fees;
- Aboriginal claims;
- labour relations;
- integration risk;
- periodic litigation; and
- tax exposures.

The risk factors referenced herein should not be construed as exhaustive. Except as required under applicable laws, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

CORPORATE STRUCTURE

General

Our full corporate name is "Conifex Timber Inc.". Our head office address is 980-700 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V7Y 1B6, and our registered and records office address is Suite 1000, 925 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 3L2. We were incorporated under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (the "**CBCA**") on May 17, 2007 under the name "West Fourth Capital Inc.", and we changed our name to "Conifex Timber Inc." on June 3, 2010.

Our material corporate subsidiaries and their respective jurisdictions of organization are set forth at Schedule "A".

DESCRIPTION OF OUR BUSINESS

Business Overview

We are a British Columbia forestry company with two principal business segments, lumber and bioenergy.

We operate a sawmill (the "**Fort St. James Mill**") and certain other forestry and sawmilling assets, including a forest licence with an allowable annual cut ("**AAC**") of 440,000 cubic metres (the "**FSJ FL**"), located in and around Fort St. James, British Columbia. The Fort St. James Mill has approximately 310 million board feet of annual lumber capacity on a two-shift basis. We also own two 2-line sawmills (the "**Mackenzie Mills**") and certain other forestry and sawmilling assets, including forest licences with a total AAC of 932,500 cubic metres (the "**Mackenzie FLs**"), located in and around Mackenzie, British Columbia. Our Site I sawmill in Mackenzie is currently idled. Our operating Site II sawmill at Mackenzie (the "**Site II Mackenzie Mill**") has approximately 215 million board feet of annual lumber capacity on a two-shift basis. We continually review ways to increase the lumber capacity of our mills while at the same time reducing costs through capital improvements and first-class management.

We have established a bioenergy segment which, in 2015, completed a 36 megawatt ("**MW**") biomass power generation plant (the "**Mackenzie Plant**") and commenced generation of renewable energy for commercial sale. We may in the future pursue additional investment opportunities in bioenergy and bio-products that we believe will complement our lumber segment operations.

Corporate Strategy

Our long-term objective is to build Canada's premier, next-generation forestry company that is a world leader in responsibly maximizing fibre value. To achieve this objective, we intend to develop new revenue streams around our core lumber business. Our potential to emerge as a significant participant in the bio-economy is underpinned by the strong fundamentals of our softwood harvesting and manufacturing business and by our belief that new and profitable uses will develop for in-forest woody biomass that is not currently being accessed.

Our near-term business strategy seeks to capitalize on our existing sawmilling and forestry assets, located in relatively abundant fibre supply regions, to build a margin-focused lumber business of sufficient size and scale to compete successfully with the best mills in North America. To this end, our strategy involves:

- maintaining and further expanding access to plentiful supplies of quality sawlogs at competitive prices;
- operating efficient lumber converting facilities;
- investing in high return capital projects to expand production volumes and lower cash conversion costs;
- producing and selling high-value softwood lumber in demand by North American and offshore markets;
- developing superior marketing and logistics capabilities;
- optimizing revenues from the sale or utilization of by-products and residues from our logging and sawmilling activities;
- producing renewable energy for commercial sale; and

- pursuing opportunities to develop new revenue streams around our core lumber business.

We seek to manage our business with a focus on EBITDA (earnings before finance costs, taxes, depreciation and amortization) and responsibly maximizing the value of our fibre resources through the production cycle, from the planning of our logging operations and log purchases to the production, marketing and sale of our lumber products and residuals.

Three Year History

The following summarizes the development of our business over the past three fiscal years.

Acquisition of Sawmill Assets in El Dorado, Arkansas

In August 2015, we acquired an idled sawmill and related facilities and equipment, including approximately 186 acres of land, located near El Dorado, Arkansas. The El Dorado site is situated in an area well regarded for its availability of high quality sawlogs within cost effective proximity and a skilled labour pool. We are currently evaluating the optimal capital upgrade and restart plan for the mill. We believe that the acquisition has helped further diversify our operations and establishes an entry point to an exceptionally competitive softwood supply region.

Mackenzie Plant

We successfully completed a continuous 72 hour test run at the Mackenzie Plant in April 2015 and commenced electricity sales in May 2015. The Mackenzie Plant is expected to produce approximately 230 gigawatt hours of energy per year, providing a stable and diversified source of revenue as well as an assured market for a portion of the sawmill residuals produced by the Mackenzie Mills in the process of manufacturing lumber. For further details on the Mackenzie Plant, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – Bioenergy Segment*".

Graduation to TSX

In May 2014, our common shares began trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") under the stock symbol "CFF" and were voluntarily delisted from the TSX Venture Exchange.

Labour Agreement with United Steel Workers

The United Steel Workers Union (the "USW") represents our unionized employees at our Fort St. James and Mackenzie operations. In March 2014, we settled a new five-year collective agreement with the USW at the Fort St. James Mill, and, in April 2014, a new collective agreement was ratified for our Mackenzie operations. The agreements have a retroactive effect to July 1, 2013 and expire on June 30, 2018.

Acquisition of Lignum

In February 2014, we acquired Lignum Forest Products LLP ("**Lignum**"), a private partnership which operates a lumber marketing and distribution business. Lignum is an established name in the forestry and lumber distribution business in British Columbia, and it serves customers and distributes products complementary to ours and other British Columbia lumber producers. The acquisition of Lignum helped expand our market reach in North America through a network of established inventory locations.

Financings

We completed the following financings during the last three fiscal years.

\$30 million investment agreement

In August 2015, we completed an investment agreement, pursuant to which we issued a \$30 million payment-in-kind note (the "**PIK Note**"). Subsequent to the year end, the holder of the PIK Note exercised its option to convert the note to acquire a Conifex subsidiary, which held a forest license in British Columbia with an AAC of 200,000 cubic metres. The redemption of the PIK Note and resultant net gain on the sale of assets of approximately \$29.0 million will be recorded by Conifex in the first quarter of 2016. See "*Timber Tenures*" below for additional information.

\$12 million convertible note financing

In December 2014, we completed a note financing pursuant to which we issued \$12 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured subordinated convertible notes (the "**Convertible Notes**"). The Convertible Notes bear interest at 7% per annum from the date of issue and are convertible at the option of the holder into common shares at any time prior to their maturity on December 15, 2016 at a conversion price of \$6.22 per share.

\$102.7 million Mackenzie Plant financing

In November 2013, our subsidiary Conifex Power Limited Partnership ("**CP Partnership**") completed a secured project financing facility for the Mackenzie Plant with a syndicate of four institutional lenders led by a leading Canadian chartered bank. In July 2015, CP Partnership completed the term conversion of the financing facility. As a result, the fully drawn \$82 million construction loan matured and was converted into a term loan that matures on December 1, 2019. The term loan has an eighteen year amortization schedule. The balance of the project financing consists of a letter of credit facility primarily to secure certain obligations of CP Partnership under its existing LDA (as defined below) and a \$1.75 million revolving operating facility.

\$30 million senior secured financing

In September 2013, we issued an aggregate of \$30 million principal amount of senior secured promissory notes to Vertex One Asset Management Inc. The promissory notes mature on September 18, 2017 and bear interest at a rate of 8% per annum. In August 2015, we redeemed \$4 million of the outstanding promissory notes.

\$25 million senior secured revolving asset backed credit facility

In April 2013, we completed a \$25 million senior secured revolving asset backed credit facility with a leading Canadian chartered bank for a three-year term. In January 2016, we renewed the credit facility for a further three-year term and increased our borrowing availability to \$35 million.

Forest Resources

Timber is a renewable resource, and if managed properly and with appropriate silviculture investments, it has the potential to yield a fairly predictable and stable resource volume over an indefinite period of time. We believe that our forestry operations are conducted in an ecologically sound and environmentally sustainable fashion.

Timber Tenures

Crown land comprises approximately 94% of all lands in the Province of British Columbia. Under the *Forest Act*, RSBC 1996, c 157 (the "**Forest Act**") and the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (British Columbia) (the "**FRPA**"), the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (the "**Ministry of Forests**") regulates forestry operations on these lands and grants various forms of timber tenures to provide the private sector with secure access to forest resources. The majority of Crown timber tenures provide licence holders with medium to long-term harvesting rights. The provincial government is responsible for setting the AAC, approving Forest

Stewardship Plans and cutting permits, determining the stumpage system and managing compliance and enforcement.

Long-term harvesting rights are typically granted in the form of replaceable forest licences. The Ministry of Forests issues replaceable forest licences for a term of 15 years, and, subject to satisfying certain performance criteria, the Ministry of Forests must offer the licences for replacement for additional terms of 15 years. Compliance with applicable forest legislation and the prompt payment of dues, fees and stumpage charges form the basis of the performance criteria. Replaceable forest licences are volume-based, meaning that, within a timber supply area ("TSA"), there are no exclusive harvesting rights available to any licensee in any particular geographically defined operating area. Each licensee has the right to harvest, subject to approval of its Forest Stewardship Plan, within the entire TSA.

Our purchase of the Fort St. James Mill and the Mackenzie Mills included two replaceable forest licences. The FSJ FL, contained within the TSA in and around Prince George, British Columbia (the "**Prince George TSA**"), had an AAC of 640,000 cubic metres. In 2015, the FSJ FL was subdivided into two replaceable forest licences with AACs of 440,000 cubic metres and 200,000 cubic metres, respectively. In February 2016, the holder of the PIK Note acquired the subsidiary which held the forest licence with an AAC of 200,000 cubic metres. The Mackenzie FL, contained within the TSA in and around Mackenzie, British Columbia (the "**Mackenzie TSA**"), had an AAC of 932,500 cubic metres. In 2015, the Mackenzie FL was subdivided into two replaceable forest licences with AACs of 632,500 cubic metres and 300,000 cubic metres, respectively.

Timber Supply Areas

Our forestry and logging operations straddle the Mackenzie TSA and the adjoining Prince George TSA. The combined productive Crown forest area encompassed by these two TSAs forms the largest in British Columbia, at approximately 12 million hectares and with a combined AAC of 17,000,000 cubic metres.

The Mackenzie TSA, located wholly within the Mackenzie forest district, has an AAC of 4,500,000 cubic metres and a timber harvesting landbase estimated at approximately 14,500 square kilometres (approximately 7% of the Provincial total). The Mackenzie TSA contains an estimated 287.5 million cubic metres of current mature and merchantable coniferous timber, including 108 million cubic metres within our current operating areas. Our operating areas within the Mackenzie TSA have a timber profile comprised of approximately 33% spruce, 49% lodgepole pine, 9% balsam fir and 9% other.

The Prince George TSA has an AAC of 12,500,000 cubic metres and is comprised of three forest districts: Prince George, Vanderhoof and Fort St. James. The Prince George TSA has a timber harvesting landbase estimated at 31,000 square kilometres (approximately 14% of the Provincial total) and contains an estimated 667.5 million cubic metres of current mature and merchantable coniferous timber, including 48 million cubic metres within our current operating area. Our operating areas within the Prince George TSA, located wholly within the Fort St. James Forest District, have a timber profile comprised of approximately 39% spruce, 46% lodgepole pine and 15% balsam fir.

Fibre Supply and Requirements

Our operations depend on the consistent supply of sawlog fibre. Wood fibre is the single largest input cost and typically accounts for over 50% of the cash cost of producing lumber. A number of factors affect our fibre costs, including harvesting locations and delivery distances from forest to mill, weather conditions, normal competitive market pressures relating to harvesting and hauling contractors, stumpage fees, reforestation, and regional log market influences. Our forestry department is responsible for providing an adequate supply of suitable logs for our sawmills at competitive costs.

In 2016, we expect our own tenures can supply approximately 44% and 88% of anticipated log consumption at the Fort St. James Mill and the Site II Mackenzie Mill, respectively. We do not necessarily consume the maximum permitted volume of logs that may be harvested from our tenures annually and may adjust between tenure and purchased logs depending on a number of factors, including the availability of purchase logs. Open market log purchases provide the balance of our sawlog requirements and come primarily from the following sources:

- BC Timber Sales (Crown managed and auction-based);
- First Nations (various forms of Crown tenures issued to First Nations groups);
- community forests (area-based Crown tenures issued to qualifying communities);
- woodlots (area-based Crown tenures issued to qualifying individuals); and
- non-replaceable forest licences (bid-tendered or direct awarded to qualifying companies or First Nations groups).

The availability of an economical fibre supply is a significant factor affecting the profitability of our lumber segment. A high degree of fibre self-sufficiency reduces our exposure to uncertainties in the open market for fibre. The current sawlog harvest levels in the Mackenzie TSA and the Fort St. James forest district considerably exceed the sawlog consumption levels from the sawmills located in these regions. We believe that we have an excellent timber base with a significant amount of high-quality fibre within economic reach of each of our mills.

Forest Management Strategy

We are responsible for the management of forest resources under our tenures in accordance with the requirements of applicable laws. We manage all of the Crown timberlands on which we conduct harvesting operations on a sustainable harvest basis, which means that the volume of timber harvested over a rotation period (typically 70-100 years) is planned not to exceed the volume of incremental growth over the same period. We employ progressive forest management practices aimed at enhancing timber yields while protecting diverse forest values and maintaining healthy forest ecosystems. To provide independent verification of the sustainability of our forest management activities and compliance of our timber procurement systems with applicable regulations, we have achieved certification under the *Sustainable Forestry Initiative* (SFI[®]), an internationally-recognized environmental management standard. Our commitment to sustainable forestry is implemented using our environmental management system ("EMS"), which we use to monitor our performance in meeting our sustainable forest management goals.

We carry out our forest management responsibilities through a team of forest professionals that oversee a wide range of activities, including resource planning, road building and harvesting, reforestation, forest protection and environmental certification. We use independent logging contractors to carry out all harvesting and associated road building activities in our TSAs. All contractors are required to meet safety, environmental and forest management standards that we establish. We regularly monitor our contractors' performance to ensure adherence to our standards and to applicable legislation.

We reforest all Crown lands that we harvest in accordance with the standards required under the FRPA and use site-specific silviculture techniques to ensure prompt forest regeneration after harvesting. The regeneration commitment requires established stands of suitable tree species to reach a "free-growing" state unimpeded by competition from other plants, a process that typically takes 12-20 years. We are relieved of any further obligations once the Crown accepts our professional forester's "declaration" of a stand as free-growing.

The forests on our timber tenures are at risk of damage from natural and human-caused forest fires. The BC Wildfire Service provides fire suppression services for which we are assessed an annual fee based on our AAC. We prepare an annual emergency preparedness and response plan and maintain centralized fire equipment caches for each applicable forestry and sawmilling operation. Our forestry staff and logging contractors are trained and equipped to suppress wildfires and assist BC Wildfire Service personnel as necessary.

For further details on the our environmental management system and certification related to forest management, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – Environment, Health and Safety – Environmental Management*".

Mountain Pine Beetle

The mountain pine beetle ("MPB") infestation, which peaked more than a decade ago, has resulted in the mortality of a significant portion of the mature pine trees in the interior region of B.C. The impact of this outbreak will affect the timber supply in the interior of B.C. The short and medium-term effects include a reduction in future AAC levels to below current and pre-MPB AAC levels, a diminished grade and volume of lumber recoverable from MPB-killed logs and increased logging and sawmilling production costs. However, given the nature and extent of the infestation, the long-term effects of the MPB infestation on the timberlands and fibre markets in the interior region of B.C. are uncertain.

Forest Policy and Regulation

Allowable Annual Cut Determination

The Chief Forester for British Columbia determines the AAC for each TSA after considering various factors, including forest composition and expected rate of growth, length of time to re-establish a forest after harvesting, silviculture treatments, timber utilizations standards, constraints on the extraction of timber, economic and social objectives of government and forest health. Tenure holders may vary harvest levels from year to year provided that the cumulative harvest within a five-year cut control period does not exceed the cumulative AAC for the period by more than 10%. Overcuts at the end of the cut control period count as volume harvested in the subsequent cut control period, and overcuts of more than 10% will incur monetary penalties. If the volume of timber harvested in the cut control period is less than the cumulative AAC for that period, the tenure holder cannot harvest the undercut volume in the subsequent period. The Ministry of Forests may, however, at its sole discretion, choose to dispose of the undercut volume to a party other than the tenure holder.

In response to the growing MPB epidemic, the AAC for the Prince George TSA was temporarily increased in June 2002 from 9.364 million cubic metres to 12.244 million cubic metres, and further increased in October 2004 to 14.944 million cubic metres. However, in January 2011, the Chief Forester subsequently reduced the AAC for the Prince George TSA to 12.5 million cubic metres. In addition, the Chief Forester prescribed a partition of the cut limiting harvest of non-pine species to a maximum of 3.5 million cubic metres.

In 2014, the Ministry of Forests completed its review of the AAC for the Mackenzie TSA. Effective November 14, 2014, the AAC for the Mackenzie TSA was increased approximately 47% from 3.05 million cubic metres to 4.5 million cubic metres. The Chief Forester prescribed a partition of the cut limiting harvest of non-pine leading stand volume to 950,000 cubic metres. Of this partition, no more than 300,000 cubic metres of non-pine leading stand volume may be harvested from the southwest portion of the Mackenzie TSA. The increased AAC will remain in effect until the next review, which, by regulation, must occur within the next 10 years.

Stumpage Charges

Substantially all of our log requirements are harvested from Crown lands in British Columbia. The Province of British Columbia charges stumpage fees to companies that harvest timber from Crown land. Stumpage fees for a specific harvesting area are based on a competitive market pricing system ("MPS") that has been established for the interior region of British Columbia. The stumpage system is complex and the subject of discussion involving, among other things, lumber trade agreements between Canada and the United States. The primary variable in the MPS is log pricing established through an open market auction for standing timber administered by BC Timber Sales, a Crown agency. In addition to bid prices, there are a number of operational and administrative factors that will influence an individual stumpage rate for each cutting permit. Stumpage rates are also adjusted quarterly to reflect changes in lumber prices and inflation.

Lumber Segment

Our lumber segment's primary business activities include timber harvesting, reforestation, forest management and the manufacture, sale and distribution of dimension lumber. We currently operate the Fort St. James Mill and the Site II Mackenzie Mill. Our mills manufacture kiln-dried lumber primarily for the construction markets in the United States, Canada and Japan and the remanufacturing market in China.

Fort St. James Mill

The Fort St. James Mill is located in Fort St. James, British Columbia, a community approximately 160 kilometres northwest of Prince George, British Columbia. The Fort St. James Mill, which was converted from a three-line to two-line operating format in 2012, has approximately 310 million board feet of annual lumber capacity on a two-shift basis, as well as timberland operations with 440,000 cubic metres of harvestable AAC under the FSJ FL from high-quality Crown-owned tenures. In 2015, the FSJ FL provided approximately 64% of the Fort St. James Mill's annual sawlog requirements, with the balance of the mill's sawlog requirements acquired from third parties and through management agreements with other forest tenure holders. In 2015, the Fort St. James Mill produced approximately 264 million board feet of finished lumber, notwithstanding reduced operating hours due to planned curtailments at the mill to accommodate a capital upgrade.

Mackenzie Mills

The Mackenzie Mills are located in Mackenzie, British Columbia, a community approximately 192 kilometres north of Prince George, British Columbia. The Mackenzie Mills have a combined 435 million board feet of annual lumber capacity on a two-shift basis, as well as timberland operations that have 932,500 cubic metres of high-quality harvestable AAC under the Mackenzie FLs from Crown-owned land. In 2015, the Mackenzie FLs provided substantially all of the Site II Mackenzie Mill's annual sawlog requirements. The Site II Mackenzie Mill produced approximately 217 million board feet of finished lumber in 2015.

Products from our mills

Lumber

Our mills principally manufacture finished softwood lumber milled from spruce, pine and fir logs. The lumber produced by our mills typically ranges in size from two by four inches to two by twelve inches and in lengths from six feet to twenty feet. Our mills produce a variety of grades ranging from lower grades, such as economy and #3, to higher grades, such as #2 & Better, Select and J Grade.

By-Products

The process of manufacturing lumber results in approximately 50% of each sawlog producing lumber and 50% ending up as by-products or residues, such as wood chips, trim blocks, sawdust, shavings and bark. By-products are typically sold to a wide variety of customers, such as pulp and paper producers, wood pellet manufacturers, and manufacturers of secondary products. Such customers are typically located within a close geographical range to minimize freight costs, which can comprise a substantial component of the total delivered costs of such lower value products. We sell the wood chips produced at our mills to third parties pursuant to existing residual chip supply agreements. Since May 2015, the Mackenzie Plant has utilized the main portion of the sawdust, shavings and bark from our Site II Mackenzie Mill.

Marketing, Sales and Distribution

Currently, the main markets for our lumber products are the United States, China, Canada and Japan. The following table shows the percentage of net lumber revenue earned from and volume shipped to each geographic market (Conifex produced lumber only):

Lumber Sales by Geographic Market (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2015 (%)	Year Ended December 31, 2014 (%)
By Revenue (net of freight)		
United States	51	51
China	19	27
Canada.....	15	12
Japan	11	9
Other export	4	1
	100	100
By Shipment Volume		
United States	49	47
China	25	33
Canada.....	14	11
Japan	7	7
Other export	5	2
	100	100

We foster a diversified customer base in each of our key markets and no single customer accounted for 10% or more of our sales in 2015.

Our customers include national and regional distributors, large construction firms, secondary manufacturers, retail yards and home centres, which typically purchase lumber in truck, rail or container load quantities. The residential construction, repair and remodeling industry consumes the majority of softwood lumber in North America. China's demand for softwood lumber includes a significant market for use in industrial applications, such as concrete forming and packaging, as well as a potential to consume higher-grade lumber in furniture manufacturing and wood-frame construction. Demand for softwood lumber is cyclical and influenced by transportation costs, exchange rates, government tariffs and competitiveness of substitute products, as well as by factors that affect consumer confidence and drive demand for residential construction such as the level of interest rates, disposable income, unemployment rates, perceived job security and other indicators of general economic conditions. Demand can vary from region to region within a country, and seasonal factors that determine optimal building conditions can also affect demand.

We ship the majority of lumber from our mills destined for the United States and Canada by rail, with the balance shipped by truck, whereas we ship lumber for customers in China and Japan in containers aboard ocean-going vessels.

The following table sets forth the sales revenue by product at our mills for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the year ended December 31, 2014:

Sales by Product	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014
	(in millions)	
Lumber - produced by Conifex	\$207.4	\$228.5
Lumber - wholesale	95.5	83.2
By-Product.....	24.0	27.3
Logistics Services	10.3	13.9
	\$337.2	\$352.9

We operate our lumber distribution business through our wholly-owned subsidiary Conifex Fibre Marketing Inc. and our transportation and logistics business through Navcor Transportation Services Inc. ("Navcor"). In February

2014, we further expanded our market coverage and penetration with the acquisition of Lignum. Lignum serves customers and distributes products complementary to ours and other B.C. lumber producers through a network of established inventory locations in North America. In addition to arranging for the distribution of our manufactured products and the wholesale lumber business undertaken by Conifex Fibre Marketing Inc. and Lignum, Navcor continues to provide logistics and consulting services to third parties. Each of these companies operates as an independent profit centre.

Our customers generally make purchasing decisions based on price, quality and service. Through our focus on product consistency, market knowledge, customer service and superior logistical capabilities, we believe that we have established a loyal customer base since commencing operations. We believe our internal marketing and logistics capabilities provide enhanced opportunities to quickly shift products between our key markets, to earn incremental revenue from wholesale lumber transactions and provision of third party logistics services and to reduce overall marketing and distribution costs while retaining an extensive professional team with considerable market access and expertise.

Competitive Conditions

The markets for our lumber products are highly competitive on a global basis, and producers compete generally on price, quality and service. Factors influencing our competitive position include, among others, the availability, quality and cost of raw materials, including fibre, energy and labour, and the efficiency and productivity of our mills in relation to our competitors. Like others in the Canadian forest products industry, we compete in an international market subject to currency fluctuations and global business conditions. We also compete indirectly with firms that manufacture substitutes for solid wood products, including non-wood and engineered wood products.

We compete against many producers, a number of whom own and operate more mills than we do, and some of our competitors have greater financial resources or lower production costs than us. We believe our competitive strengths include a secure and high quality timber base, positive relations with Aboriginal groups, low asset acquisition costs and a committed board of directors and management team.

Capital Expenditures

We believe our mills are in the midway stages of their capital development cycles. To date, capital improvement projects undertaken in our lumber segment have been largely focused on improvements in finishing processes, including the installation of kilns for drying lumber and automated lumber grading systems, as well as projects to replace and upgrade aging equipment and projects related to safety and asset protection. In 2014, we invested approximately \$12 million in the installation of equipment to enhance dust containment at source at the Fort St. James Mill and the Site II Mackenzie Mill.

We believe that with the completion of appropriate longer-term capital programs, our Fort St. James Mill and Mackenzie Mills have the potential to produce cash flows in line with the top performing mills in the interior region of British Columbia. Our mills' processing flexibility and two-line configurations position them to emerge as cost-effective producers of a variety of high quality lumber products, because the two-line configuration allows efficient processing of the available log profile. In 2016, in addition to undertaking several affordable, higher-return capital projects to further improve productivity, we intend to develop a longer-term capital plan designed to significantly improve lumber segment performance.

We intend to further study and prioritize a number of options, including simplification and modernization of the Fort St. James Mill, determination of the optimal long-term supply chain and manufacturing configuration for the Mackenzie operations and development of a capital upgrade and restart plan for the idled El Dorado mill.

Bioenergy Segment

We have developed a complementary new revenue stream around our core lumber business to further our objective to responsibly maximize the value of our fibre resources. Our initiatives in the bioenergy segment are anchored by our belief that, over time, low-value wood fibre as feedstock may be profitably used for higher-value bioenergy and bio-products production. The completion of the Mackenzie Plant is an important component of our longer-term

strategy to develop opportunities in bioenergy and bio-products to complement our harvesting and manufacturing operations. We believe that our access to conventional softwood fibre and to forest biomass, coupled with our developing expertise in comprehensive supply chain management, provides a strong foundation for our bioenergy segment to pursue such opportunities.

Background to the development of the Mackenzie Plant

In March 2011, we initiated the development of the Mackenzie Plant, which consisted of constructing a 36 MW biomass power plant in Mackenzie, British Columbia adjacent to our currently idled Site I sawmill complex. The feedstock for the Mackenzie Plant is sourced from a portion of the residuals and former waste products produced at our lumber manufacturing and log harvesting operations.

The Mackenzie Plant is designed to utilize proven technology and to produce approximately 230 gigawatt hours ("GWh") of energy per year. In June 2011, we completed an electricity purchase agreement (the "EPA") and a related load displacement agreement (the "LDA") with the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro"). Under the EPA, we agreed to supply approximately 200 GWh of electrical energy annually to BC Hydro over a 20-year term for a fixed price. Under the LDA, we must meet and supply the energy requirements of our Mackenzie Mills over the same 20-year term. In exchange for our agreement to supply such energy to our Mackenzie Mills, BC Hydro agreed to provide incentive funding towards the completion of the Mackenzie Plant.

Commencement of Operations

In April 2015, we successfully completed a continuous 72 hour run test at the Mackenzie Plant and commenced selling electricity under the EPA to BC Hydro in May 2015. The ramp up and optimization of the boiler, turbine and related equipment continued throughout the balance of the year and electricity production averaged 98% of the operating target in 2015. Revenues from electricity sales totaled approximately \$16.3 million in 2015.

We believe that the commencement of commercial operations at the Mackenzie Plant provides a stable and diversified source of revenue in our bioenergy segment, an assured market for a portion of the sawmill residuals we produce, and enhances the long-term competitiveness of our Mackenzie operations.

Human Resources

As at December 31, 2015, we had 560 employees, including 422 unionized employees represented by the USW. For additional information, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – General Development – Labour Agreement with United Steel Workers*".

We are a member of the Council of Northern Interior Forest Employment Relations ("**Conifer**"), which represents forest products companies in the interior region of British Columbia and certain other areas in their negotiations with the USW. Since our business strategies and philosophies may diverge from those common to other Conifer members, labour negotiations by this association may not always best meet our needs. We have the flexibility to continue to work with Conifer or to work independently of the association with respect to human resources matters.

Environment, Health and Safety

Health and Safety

Providing a safe work environment for our employees has always been a top priority for our board of directors (the "**Board**") and management team. In 2015, we enhanced safety with the implementation of state-of-the-art dust extractions systems at the Fort St. James and Site II Mackenzie mills to help further provide our employees with a safer working environment and industry leading air quality.

Our focus on safety and workplace hazard mitigation is not limited to capital projects, but also includes continual reinforcement of workplace safety with all of our employees, participation in an industry task force committed to improving safety in the workplace and commitment of increased resources to enhance safety leadership, safety

innovation and maintenance. In addition, we engage an external auditor each year to conduct an audit of the safety programs at the Fort St. James Mill and the Site II Mackenzie Mill as part of the Certificate of Recognition program offered by WorkSafeBC.

The construction and commissioning phases of the Mackenzie Plant, which encompassed a period of approximately 560 days (or approximately 397,000 person-hours), were completed without any lost time accidents. The Mackenzie Plant maintains a high level of safety performance, and did not record any workplace safety incidents throughout 2015. Conifex was recertified by the British Columbia Forest Safety Council (the "**BCFSC**") as a "Safe Company" in 2015.

We require all contractors we engage to carry out activities on our licence areas to meet the standards we establish for our own operations. Prior to entering into any contractual agreements, we further generally require that contractors register and achieve certification as a "Safe Company" with the BCFSC, and we require them to remain in good standing for the term of the agreement.

Environmental Management

Our operations are subject to a wide array of federal, provincial and municipal environmental legislation and the respective regulations thereunder. Our Environmental, Health and Safety Committee oversees company-wide efforts for compliance with such legislation. We develop and maintain internal programs, including incurring ongoing capital expenditures, if necessary, to help ensure that our operations comply with applicable laws and standards and to address any instances of non-compliance. We are committed to the responsible stewardship of the environment throughout our operations.

We are committed to undertaking sustainable forestry practices. The goal of sustainable forest management is to ensure that we meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We practice a land stewardship ethic that integrates sound reforestation and harvesting techniques with due consideration for the conservation of soil, air and water quality, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitat, recreation, visual aesthetics and the protection of cultural heritage sites and unique resources.

Our commitment to sustainable forestry is implemented using our EMS. The EMS incorporates internal and third party audits, activity monitoring and system reviews to evaluate our performance in meeting our sustainability goals and to foster continual improvement. We engage KPMG to annually audit our forest practices against the standards of the *Sustainable Forestry Initiative* (SFI®). The results of the audit are publically available on the KPMG website, and our forestry operations and timber procurement activities are certified to SFI standards. We also require all of our contractors to comply with our EMS and to conform to the requirements of our environmental certifications.

We strive to provide our customers and the end consumers of our lumber and by-products with the confidence that the raw materials used in our products originate from sustainably managed forests through our adherence to the requirements of the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification ("**PEFC**") Chain of Custody Standard. "Chain of Custody" is the process of tracking forest products from their place of origin through all stages of transfer and production to the final consumer as an end product. Our PEFC Chain of Custody certification covers the production of softwood lumber, sawmill residual chips and by-products produced at the Fort St. James Mill and the Site II Mackenzie Mill to the point of sale.

Our forestry operations meet the standards for environmental protection set out in applicable law, including the FRPA. The Mackenzie Plant, the Mackenzie Mills and the Fort St. James Mill operate in material compliance with all permits and environmental regulations.

Aboriginal Claims

The potential existence of Aboriginal title or rights over substantial portions of British Columbia, including the areas of our timber tenures, has created uncertainty with respect to property rights and natural resource development in British Columbia. In 1997, the Supreme Court of Canada (the "**SCC**") determined that Aboriginals may possess rights in respect of land used or occupied by their ancestors where treaties have not been concluded to deal with those rights. Such treaties cover very few areas of British Columbia.

In 2004, the SCC confirmed that, in certain circumstances, the Crown must consult with and, when appropriate to do so, accommodate Aboriginal groups by minimizing interference with their interests. To date, there has been only one case finding aboriginal title in British Columbia, where aboriginal title was found to be held by the Tsilhqot'in Nation in respect of an area that is less than 0.2% of British Columbia (the "**Tsilhqot'in Decision**"). While we do not operate in the area involved in the Tsilhqot'in Decision, the SCC's ruling may lead other Aboriginal groups in British Columbia and other Canadian provinces to pursue Aboriginal title in their traditional land-use areas. Although this has created uncertainty, at this time we do not expect that the SCC decision will lead to any fundamental changes in how we conduct our lumber and sawlog operations.

We believe that our dealings with Aboriginals, since we purchased our first sawmill in 2008, have been largely consistent with the principles set out in the Tsilhqot'in Decision. We have been, and remain, committed to fostering long-term relations with Aboriginals, including in an environmentally sound manner to minimally impact the communities in which we operate. We have and will continue to operate on the basis that resource companies must meaningfully engage with and foster positive long-term relations with Aboriginal communities.

We rely on the Crown to adequately discharge obligations to Aboriginals in order to preserve the validity of actions dealing with public rights, including the granting of Crown timber harvesting rights. The negotiation of treaties with Aboriginals and further judgments of the courts may alleviate this uncertainty. However, as the jurisprudence and government policies respecting Aboriginal title and rights and the consultation process continue to evolve, we cannot at this time predict whether Aboriginal claims will have a material adverse effect on our timber harvesting rights, on our ability to exercise or renew them or on our ability to secure other timber harvesting rights in the future.

RISK FACTORS

Investors should carefully consider the risks summarized below and all other information contained in this Annual Information Form before making any investment decision relating to our securities. Some statements in this Annual Information Form (including some of the following risk factors) are forward-looking statements. Please refer to the discussion of forward-looking statements in the introduction to this Annual Information Form. Any one or more of these risks could have a material adverse effect on the value of any investment in our Company and on our business, financial position or operating results and should be taken into account in assessing our activities. The risks noted below do not necessarily comprise all of the risks that we face.

Fluctuations in Prices and Demand

Our financial performance principally depends on the demand for and selling price of lumber, which is subject to significant fluctuations. The markets for lumber are highly volatile and are affected by factors such as North American economic conditions, including the strength of the U.S. housing market, the growing importance of the Asian market, changes in industry production capacity, changes in inventory levels and other factors beyond our control. In addition, interest rates have a significant effect on residential construction and renovation activity, which in turn influence the demand for and price of lumber.

Currency Risk

Most of our lumber is sold at prices denominated in U.S. dollars or based on prevailing U.S. dollar prices, but nearly all of our operating costs and expenses are incurred in Canadian dollars. Therefore, an increase in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar reduces the revenue in Canadian dollar terms realized by us from sales in U.S. dollars, which reduces operating margin and cash flow available to fund operations. We are also exposed to the risk of exchange rate fluctuations in the period between sale and payment. This results in significant earnings sensitivity to changes in the Canadian/U.S. dollar exchange rate.

We do not currently hedge our foreign exchange exposure with financial forward or open contracts. The Canadian/U.S. dollar exchange rate is affected by a broad range of factors, making future rates difficult to predict.

Fibre Availability and Cost

Our operations' fibre requirements are met using logs harvested from our timber tenures, by long-term trade and purchase agreements and by purchases on the open market and through timber sale bids. Currently, the timberlands in which we operate are owned by the Province of British Columbia and administered by the Ministry of Forests. The Forest Act empowers the Ministry of Forests to grant timber tenures to producers. The Provincial Chief Forester must conduct a review of the AAC for each timber supply area on a periodic basis, which is usually once every five years. This review is then used to determine the AAC for licences issued by the Province under the Forest Act. There are many factors that affect AAC, such as timber inventory, the amount of operable forest land, growth estimates of young forests, regulation changes and environmental and social changes.

We rely on third party independent contractors to harvest timber in areas over which we hold timber tenures. Increases in rates charged by these independent contractors or the limited availability of these independent contractors may increase our timber harvesting costs. Additionally, in order to ensure uninterrupted access to logs harvested from our timber tenures, we must also focus on the continuous development of road networks and, in the Mackenzie operating area, the maintenance of remote logging camps and vessels and equipment related to delivery of logs by waterways. In addition, our ability to harvest fibre for use in our operations could be adversely impacted by natural events such as forest fires, severe weather conditions or insect infestations.

Fluctuations in the price, quality or availability of log supply could have a material effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and cash flow.

Competition

Markets for our lumber are highly competitive. Our ability to maintain or improve the cost of producing and delivering products to those markets is crucial. Factors such as cost and availability of raw materials, energy, labour, the ability to maintain high operating rates and low per-unit manufacturing costs and the quality of our final products and customer service all affect earnings. Additionally, our products are sold in markets where we compete against many producers, a number of whom have larger capacity than us when measured by the number of mills owned and operated. Many of our competitors have existed for a longer period of time and have significantly greater financial resources.

Capital Projects

We undertake ongoing maintenance activities and capital improvement projects at our manufacturing facilities. Capital projects require significant commitment of our financial and other resources, and the results of the project may not be immediately known or assessable. We conduct cost-benefit and other analyses prior to the commencement of each capital project to measure the feasibility and expected benefits of proposed projects against pre-established criteria. Each material capital project is approved by our Board. We assign experienced project managers to each project, employ demonstrated technology and commit other resources as required. We are subject to numerous risks related to the undertaking of capital projects, including extensive reliance on third party equipment manufacturers and installers, material cost and time overruns, equipment or technology failure, major unplanned disruptions to existing operations and the failure of the completed project to deliver the expected benefits. The realization of any of these risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

Combustible Dust

In two separate incidents in January and April 2012, explosions and the resulting fires destroyed two northern interior British Columbia sawmills. In response, the Government of British Columbia, the Office of the Fire Commissioner and WorkSafeBC investigated industry practices for managing combustible dust levels. The Government of British Columbia or WorkSafeBC may propose new regulations in the wake of these incidents, and they have stepped up enforcement of various regulations. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations may result in fines, penalties or enforcement actions, including orders suspending or curtailing our operations or requiring corrective measures or remedial actions, and we may incur costs or be required to temporarily suspend operations to address new regulations, if any.

Transportation Limitations

We rely primarily on third parties for transportation of our products, as well as delivery of raw materials, a significant portion of which are transported by railroads, trucks and ships. If any of our third party transportation providers fails to deliver the raw materials or products or to distribute them in a timely manner, we may be unable to sell those products at full value, or at all, or may be unable to manufacture our products in response to customer demand, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, if any of these third parties ceases operations, suffers labour-related or other disruptions, or ceases doing business with us, our operations or cost structure may be adversely impacted. From time to time, we may also face shortages of rail cars, trucks, containers, ships or other transportation methods we use that may limit raw material deliveries to us and product deliveries by us to our customers, which may have a material adverse effect on our business.

Operational Curtailments

From time to time, we may suspend operation of our sawmills or one of our logging operations in response to market conditions, environmental risks, workplace safety concerns or other operational issues, including power failure, equipment breakdown, dry forest conditions, adverse weather conditions, labour disruptions and fire hazards. These unscheduled operational suspensions could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition. Furthermore, pulp and paper mill production curtailments may require sawmills to find other ways to dispose of residual wood fibre and may result in curtailment or suspension of lumber production.

Expiry of the Softwood Lumber Agreement

The SLA expired in October 2015. As part of that agreement the U.S. government agreed to a standstill period, where it would not take any trade action against Canada for a twelve month period following expiry. If the governments do not negotiate a new agreement, the U.S. may launch trade action after the standstill period ends. This may result in the imposition of U.S. protective measures such as countervailing and anti-dumping duties leveled against Canadian softwood lumber producers.

There is no assurance there will be any new trade agreements forthcoming or if a new trade agreement is reached, whether new export measures could adversely affect our lumber operations. Further, if there is no new agreement and the U.S. decides to take trade action, the earliest date preliminary duties could take effect will be sometime in 2017. The amount and impact of duties cannot be determined at this time. Canada is expected to defend itself in any trade action taken by the U.S.

The emergence of significant demand from China and other export markets in recent years has somewhat reduced our dependence on the U.S. market and the impact of potential cross-border trade disputes.

Regulatory Risks

Our operations are subject to extensive general and industry-specific federal, provincial, municipal and other local laws and regulations, including those governing forestry, exports, taxes, employees, labour standards, occupational health and safety, waste disposal, environmental protection and remediation, protection of endangered and protected species and land use and expropriation. We are required to obtain approvals, permits and licences for our operations, which may impose conditions that must be complied with. If we are unable to extend or renew, or are delayed in extending or renewing, a material approval permit or licence, our operations or financial condition could be adversely affected. There is no assurance that these laws, regulations or government policy, or the administrative interpretation or enforcement of existing laws, regulations and government policies, will not change in the future in a manner that may require us to incur significant capital expenditures or could adversely affect our operations or financial condition. Failure to comply with applicable laws or regulations, including approvals, permits and licences and new laws and regulations, could result in fines, penalties or enforcement actions, including orders suspending or curtailing our operations or requiring corrective measures or remedial actions.

Reliance on Directors, Management and Other Key Personnel

Our success depends in part on our ability to attract and retain senior management and other key employees. Competition for qualified personnel depends on, among other things, economic and industry conditions, competitors' hiring practices and the effectiveness of our compensation programs. The loss of, or inability to recruit and retain, any such personnel could impact our ability to execute on our strategies.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that we will be unable to meet our financial obligations on a current basis. We manage liquidity risk through regular cash-flow forecasting and undertaking appropriate financing activities as required. We intend to finance our planned capital expenditures and scheduled debt payments from existing cash reserves, cash flow from operations and our existing credit facilities.

Although we believe our actions will result in sufficient liquidity, there can be no assurance that we will be successful or that market forces or competition will not work to offset our actions. In addition, the availability of funding, or other sources of capital, is dependent on capital markets at the relevant time and may not be available on acceptable terms. In the event that debt or equity capital is not available on acceptable terms, or at all, in the future, we may need to explore other strategic alternatives.

Information Systems Security Threats

We use information technologies ("IT") to assist in managing our operations and various business functions. We rely on various IT to process, store and report on our business and to communicate electronically between our facilities, personnel, customers and suppliers. We also use IT to process financial information and results of operations for internal reporting purposes and to comply with regulatory, legal and tax requirements. We have entered into agreements with third parties for hardware, software, telecommunications and other IT services in connection with our operations. Our operations depend, in part, on how well we and our IT suppliers protect networks, equipment, IT systems and software against damage from a number of threats, including, but not limited to, cable cuts, damage to physical plants, natural disasters, terrorism, fire, power loss, telecommunications failure, hacking, computer viruses, vandalism and theft and other security issues or our IT systems may be breached due to employee error, malfeasance or other disruptions. Our operations also depend on the timely maintenance, upgrade and replacement of networks, equipment, IT systems and software, as well as pre-emptive expenses to mitigate the risks of failures. Any of these and other events could result in information system failures, misappropriation of sensitive data, delays and/or increases in capital expenses. The failure of information systems or a component of information systems could, depending on the nature of any such failure, adversely impact our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations or subject us to civil or criminal sanctions.

Although we have not to date experienced any material losses relating to cyber-attacks or other information security breaches, there can be no assurance that we will not incur such losses in the future. Our risk and exposure to these matters cannot be fully mitigated because of, among other things, the evolving nature of these threats. As a result, cyber security and the continued development and enhancement of controls, processes and practices designed to protect systems, computers, software, data and networks from attack, damage or unauthorized access remain a priority. As cyber threats continue to evolve, we may be required to expend additional resources to continue to modify or enhance protective measures or to investigate and remediate any security vulnerabilities.

Natural Disasters

Our operations are subject to adverse natural events such as forest fires, severe weather conditions, timber disease and insect infestation and earthquake activity. These events could damage or destroy our physical facilities or our timber supply, and similar events could also affect the facilities of our suppliers or customers. Any such damage or destruction could adversely affect our financial results.

Our timber tenures are subject to the risks associated with standing forests, in particular forest fires, wind storms, insect infestations and disease. Procedures and controls are in place to manage such risk through prevention and early detection. Most of the timber that we harvest comes from Crown tenures, and insurance coverage is

maintained only for loss of logs due to fire and other occurrences following harvesting. However, this coverage does not extend to standing timber, and there is no assurance that our coverage would be adequate to provide protection against all eventualities, including natural catastrophes.

In addition, our operations may be adversely affected by severe weather including wind, snow and rain that may result in our operations being unable to harvest or transport logs to our sawmills. We are unable to predict the impact of all these factors on our tenures or our forest practices.

While we maintain insurance coverage to the extent deemed prudent, we cannot predict that all potential insurable risks have been foreseen or that adequate coverage is maintained against known risks. As is common in the industry, we do not insure loss of standing timber for any cause.

Mountain Pine Beetle

The long-term effect of the MPB infestation on our operations is uncertain. The potential effects include a reduction in future AAC levels to below current and pre-MPB AAC levels, a diminished grade and volume of lumber recoverable from MPB-killed logs, decreased quality of wood chips produced from such logs and increased logging and sawmilling production costs. The timing and extent of the effect on our timber supply, lumber grade and recovery, wood chip quality and production costs will depend on a variety of factors which cannot be determined at this time with any certainty.

Environment

Our operations are subject to regulation by federal and provincial environmental authorities, including industry specific environmental regulations, permits, guidelines and policies relating to air emissions and pollutants, wastewater discharges, solid waste, landfill operations, clean-up of unlawful discharges, dangerous goods and hazardous materials, forestry practices, land use planning, municipal zoning, employee health and safety, site remediation and the protection of endangered species and critical habitat. In addition, as a result of our operations, we may be subject to remediation, clean-up or other administrative orders or amendments to our operating permits, and we may be involved from time to time in administrative and judicial proceedings or inquiries. Future orders, proceedings or inquiries could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Environmental laws and land use laws and regulations are constantly changing. New regulations or the increased enforcement of existing laws could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition. In addition, compliance with regulatory requirements is expensive, at times requiring the replacement, enhancement or modification of equipment, facilities or operations. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain our profitability by offsetting any increased costs of complying with future regulatory requirements.

We are subject to liability for environmental damage at the facilities that we own or operate, including damage to neighboring landowners, residents or employees, particularly as a result of the contamination of soil, groundwater or surface water and especially drinking water. The costs of such liabilities can be substantial. Our potential liability may include damages resulting from conditions existing before we purchased or operated these facilities. We may also be subject to liability for any offsite environmental contamination caused by pollutants or hazardous substances that we or our predecessors arranged to transport, store, treat or dispose of at other locations. In addition, we may be held legally responsible for liabilities as a successor owner of businesses that we acquire or have acquired. Our mills have been operating for decades, and we have not done invasive testing to determine whether or to what extent any such environmental contamination exists. As a result, these businesses may have liabilities for conditions that we discover or that become apparent, including liabilities arising from non-compliance with environmental laws by prior owners. Because of the limited availability of insurance coverage for environmental liability, any substantial liability for environmental damage could materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We have in place internal programs under which our forestry and manufacturing operations are audited for compliance with environmental laws and accepted standards and with our management systems. Our woodlands operations and the harvesting operations of our key suppliers are third party certified to internationally-recognized sustainable forest management standards. Our operations and our ability to sell products could be adversely affected

if those operations did or do not, or were perceived by the public as failing to, comply with applicable laws and standards, including responsible environmental and sustainable forestry standards.

Enactment of new environmental laws or regulations or changes in existing laws or regulations might require significant capital expenditures. We may be unable to generate sufficient funds or to access other sources of capital to fund unforeseen environmental liabilities or expenditures.

Stumpage Fees

Substantially all of our log requirements are harvested from Crown lands in British Columbia. The Province of British Columbia charges stumpage fees to companies that harvest timber from Crown land. Stumpage fees for a specific harvesting area are based on a competitive MPS that has been established for the interior region of British Columbia. The stumpage system is complex and the subject of discussion involving, among other things, lumber trade agreements between Canada and the United States. The primary variable in the MPS is log pricing established through an open market auction for standing timber administered by BC Timber Sales. In addition to bid prices, there are a number of operational and administrative factors that will influence an individual stumpage rate for each cutting permit. Stumpage rates are also adjusted quarterly to reflect changes in lumber prices and inflation.

Periodic changes in the provincial government's administrative policy can affect the market price for timber and the viability of individual logging operations. There can be no assurance that current changes or future changes will not have a material impact on stumpage rates.

Aboriginal Claims

Canadian court decisions have recognized the existence of Aboriginal title and rights, which may include title or rights of use to lands historically used or occupied by Aboriginals. Aboriginal groups have claimed Aboriginal rights and/or title over a significant portion of British Columbia, and few treaties are in place between the Crown and Aboriginal groups in British Columbia. While certain Aboriginal groups in British Columbia have entered into treaty negotiations with the Crown, such negotiations involve complex issues that may take many years to resolve, if at all, and the results of such negotiations cannot be predicted.

Courts have held that the Crown has an obligation to consult with Aboriginal groups when the Crown has knowledge of either existing rights or the potential existence of Aboriginal title or rights and is contemplating actions that may potentially impact such title or rights. Failure of the Government of British Columbia to adequately discharge its obligations to Aboriginal groups may affect the validity of its actions in dealing with public rights, including the granting of Crown timber harvesting rights.

In 2014, the SCC released the *Tsilhqot'in* Decision in which for the first time the SCC recognized the existence of Aboriginal title over land in British Columbia. The SCC also found that provincial laws of general application may apply to land subject to Aboriginal title, provided that certain conditions are met, including that the laws are not unreasonable, impose no undue hardship and do not deny the holders of such Aboriginal title of certain rights. As a result, future court decisions may be required to determine whether and to what extent provincial laws, including the Forest Act and licences granted by the Provincial Crown thereunder, apply on lands subject to Aboriginal title. While Aboriginal title has not been established or formally recognized in areas overlapping with our forest tenures, there can be no assurance that Aboriginal title will not in the future be recognized over all or any portion of the area covered by our forest tenures. We cannot assure that Aboriginal claims will not in the future have a material adverse effect on our timber harvesting rights, our ability to exercise or renew them or our ability to secure other timber harvesting rights.

Labour Relations

We employ a unionized work force in our sawmilling and power generation operations. In March and April 2014, we completed new, five-year collective labour agreements with the USW at our Fort St. James Mill and Mackenzie operations, respectively. The agreements have retroactive effect to July 1, 2013 and expire on June 30, 2018. Any failure to negotiate acceptable agreements with the USW for either the Fort St. James Mill or our Mackenzie operations upon the expiry of the current agreements may result in a strike or work stoppage by the affected

employees that could result in lost production and sales, higher costs or supply constraints that could have a material adverse effect on our business. The registration or renewal of the collective agreements or the outcome of wage negotiations could result in higher wages or benefits paid to union members. Accordingly, we could experience a significant disruption to our operations or higher ongoing labour costs, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flow.

We also depend on a variety of third parties that employ unionized workers to provide critical services. Labour disputes experienced by these third parties could lead to disruptions at our facilities.

Integration Risk

Any time we complete an addition to our business, either through development or acquisition, there are risks in incorporating the addition into our business. Any such addition could result in operating difficulties, difficulties in integrating the added business and other harmful consequences.

We may acquire or develop, and have in the past acquired or developed, complementary or strategic businesses, services and products as part of our strategy to increase our sales and customer base. The process of integrating any acquired or developed business, service or product may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures. The integration of new businesses also requires significant management resources that would otherwise be available for operation, ongoing development and expansion of our existing businesses. To the extent that we miscalculate our ability to integrate and properly manage acquired or developed businesses, we may have difficulty in achieving our operating and strategic objectives and our existing businesses and operations may be adversely affected. In addition, we may not realize the anticipated benefits of any acquired or developed business.

Periodic Litigation

We may from time to time become party to claims and litigation proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business. Such matters are subject to many uncertainties, and we cannot predict with assurances the outcomes and ultimate financial impacts of them. There can be no guarantees that actions that may be brought against us in the future will be resolved in our favour or that the insurance we carry will be available or paid to cover any litigation exposure. Any losses from settlements or adverse judgments arising out of these claims could be materially adverse to us.

Tax Exposures

In the normal course of business, we take various tax filing positions without the assurance that tax authorities will accept and not challenge such positions. In addition, we are subject to further uncertainties concerning the interpretation and application of tax laws in various operating jurisdictions. We maintain reserves for known estimated tax exposures in all jurisdictions. These exposures are settled primarily through the closure of audits with the jurisdictional taxing authorities.

DIVIDENDS

We have not declared or paid any dividends on any of our common shares since incorporation and do not foresee the declaration or payment of any dividends on our shares in the near future. Our Board will make any decision to pay dividends on our common shares on the basis of our earnings, financial requirements and other conditions existing at such future time and which our Board considers appropriate in the circumstances.

We are subject to certain restrictions on the declaration and payment of dividends as set out in the CBCA. In particular, the CBCA provides that a company will not declare or pay a dividend in property, including in money, if there are reasonable grounds for believing that the company is insolvent or the payment of the dividend would render the company insolvent.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE

We are authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value and an unlimited number of Class B preferred shares (the "**Preferred Shares**"), of which 21,140,468 common shares and no Preferred Shares are issued and outstanding as of the date of this Annual Information Form.

Common Shares

The common shares entitle their holders to: (a) receive notice of and attend any meetings of our shareholders and are entitled to one vote for each common share held, except at meetings at which only holders of a specified class are entitled to vote; (b) the right to receive, subject to the prior rights and privileges attaching to any other class of our shares, including without limitation the rights of the holders of Preferred Shares, any dividend declared by us; and (c) the right to receive, subject to the prior rights and privileges attaching to any other class of our shares, including without limitation the holders of Preferred Shares, our remaining property and assets upon dissolution. Subject to the provisions of the CBCA, we may, by special resolution, fix, from time to time before the issue thereof, the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to each series of our common shares including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any voting rights, the rate or amount of dividends, the method of calculating dividends, the dates of payment of dividends, the terms and conditions of redemption, purchase and conversion, if any, and any sinking fund or other provisions. No special right or restriction attached to any issued shares shall be prejudiced or interfered with unless all shareholders holding shares of each class whose special right or restriction is so prejudiced or interfered with consent thereto in writing, or unless a resolution consenting thereto is passed at a separate class meeting of the holders of the shares of each such class by the majority required to pass a special resolution, or such greater majority as may be specified by the special rights attached to the class of shares of the issued shares of such class.

On May 14, 2013, we announced that our Board adopted a shareholder rights plan (the "**Rights Plan**"), which our shareholders subsequently ratified for an initial term of three years at our 2013 annual general meeting. Pursuant to the Rights Plan, one right attached to each of our outstanding common shares and one right will attach to any of our common shares issued during the term of the Rights Plan. Subject to the terms of the Rights Plan and to certain exceptions provided therein, the rights will become exercisable in the event that any person, together with any joint actors, acquires or announces its intention to acquire 20% or more of our outstanding shares without complying with the "Permitted Bid" provisions of the Rights Plan, unless the application of the Rights Plan is waived in accordance with its terms. The "Permitted Bid" provisions prevent the dilutive effects of the Rights Plan from operating if a take-over bid is made to all holders of our common shares (other than the bidder) by way of a take-over bid circular that remains open for acceptance for a minimum of 60 days and that satisfies certain other conditions. If a take-over bid does not comply with the requirements of the Rights Plan or the application of the Rights Plan is not waived in accordance with its terms, the rights holders (other than the acquiring person and its joint actors) will be entitled to purchase additional common shares at a significant discount to the market price.

Preferred Shares

The Preferred Shares may, at any time and from time to time, be issued in one or more series, each series to consist of such number of shares as may, before the issue thereof, be determined by resolution of our Board. Holders of Preferred Shares shall not be entitled to receive notice of and attend any meetings of our shareholders or to vote at any such meetings, except meetings at which only holders of Preferred Shares are entitled to vote. Holders of Preferred Shares are entitled to: (a) the right to receive, subject to the prior rights and privileges attaching to any other class of our shares, any dividend declared by us; and (b) the right to receive, subject to the prior rights and privileges attaching to any other class of our shares, our remaining property and assets upon dissolution. Subject to the provisions of the CBCA, we may, by special resolution, fix, from time to time before the issue thereof, the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to each series of the Preferred Shares including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any voting rights, the rate or amount of dividends, the method of calculating dividends, the dates of payment thereof, the terms and conditions of redemption, purchase and conversion, if any, and any sinking fund or other provisions. No special right or restriction attached to any issued shares shall be prejudiced or interfered with unless all shareholders holding shares of each class whose special right or restriction is so prejudiced or interfered with consent thereto in writing, or unless a resolution consenting thereto is passed at a separate class meeting of the holders of the shares of each such class by the majority required to pass a

special resolution, or such greater majority as may be specified by the special rights attached to the class of shares of the issued shares of such class.

As at the date hereof, no Preferred Shares are issued and outstanding. We currently have no intention to issue any Preferred Shares.

MARKET FOR SECURITIES

Trading Price and Volume

Our common shares are listed on the TSX under the stock symbol "CFF". The following table provides the monthly high and low sales price and trading volume of our common shares on the TSX for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2015:

	Trading Summary		
	High	Low	Volume Traded
	(\$)	(\$)	(#)
2015			
January	7.70	6.02	281,999
February	8.30	7.40	826,918
March	7.67	6.32	355,256
April	7.39	6.46	378,808
May	7.25	6.61	233,880
June	6.98	6.15	197,732
July	6.55	5.44	206,809
August	5.74	4.59	265,477
September	4.95	3.17	568,395
October	3.49	2.90	897,727
November	3.18	2.30	440,619
December	2.50	1.81	865,197

Prior Sales

The following table summarizes the issuances of our securities, other than our common shares, that we issued within the 2015 fiscal year:

Date	Price per Security ⁽¹⁾	Number of Securities	Type of Security
January 15, 2015	\$6.69	3,083	DSU ⁽²⁾
February 15, 2015	\$8.20	15,000	RSU ⁽³⁾
March 11, 2015	\$7.00	10,000	RSU ⁽³⁾
April 29, 2015	\$7.08	5,000	RSU ⁽³⁾
June 30, 2015	\$6.50	245,000	PSU ⁽⁴⁾
June 30, 2015	\$6.50	80,000	RSU ⁽³⁾
October 1, 2015	\$3.28	10,000	RSU ⁽³⁾

Notes:

- (1) Represents the deemed price at which the securities were issued.
- (2) "DSUs" means deferred share unit awards issued under our long-term incentive plan dated June 3, 2010, as amended (the "LTIP").
- (3) "RSUs" means restricted share unit awards issued under the LTIP.
- (4) "PSUs" means performance share unit awards issued under the LTIP.

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Our Board currently consists of eight directors. The term of office for each of our directors will expire at the time of our next annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2016. The following table sets forth the name, province or state and country of residence and position(s) held for each of our directors and executive officers as at the date hereof, as well as the date of election or appointment, as the case may be, of each of our directors:

Name and Province or State and Country of Residence	Current Position	Director Since
Kenneth A. Shields ⁽¹⁾ British Columbia, Canada	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director	June 3, 2010
David E. Roberts ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ Ontario, Canada	Director	May 27, 2010
George Malpass British Columbia, Canada	Director	May 27, 2010
Jim Jia British Columbia, Canada	Director	June 3, 2010
John Bae ⁽¹⁾ British Columbia, Canada	Director	June 21, 2010
Michael Costello ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ British Columbia, Canada	Director	April 18, 2012
Pat Bell ⁽¹⁾ British Columbia, Canada	Director	August 12, 2013
Tom Reed Georgia, United States of America	Director	February 22, 2016
Yuri Lewis British Columbia, Canada	Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary	N/A
Hans Thur British Columbia, Canada	Senior Vice President, Marketing	N/A
Antonio Madia British Columbia, Canada	Senior Vice President, Operations	N/A

Notes:

- (1) A member of the Environmental, Health and Safety Committee, which is comprised of Messrs. Bell (Chair), Shields and Bae.
- (2) A member of the Audit Committee, which is comprised of Messrs. Costello (Chair), Roberts, and Malpass.
- (3) A member of the Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee, which is comprised of Messrs. Roberts (Chair), Costello and Malpass.

As at the date hereof, our directors and executive officers, as a group, beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over 2,024,943 (approximately 10%) of our issued and outstanding common shares.

Set out below are profiles of our directors and executive officers, including particulars of their principal occupations for the past five years:

Kenneth A. Shields, age 67, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director. Mr. Shields currently serves as a director of the Forest Products Association of Canada and the British Columbia Lumber Trade Council. Mr. Shields previously served as Chair of the Canadian BioEnergy Association and director of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, Raymond James Financial Inc., Mercer International Inc., TimberWest Forest Corp. and Slocan Forest Products Ltd. Mr. Shields resigned as Chief Executive Officer of Raymond James Ltd. in 2006 to devote his efforts to launching Confex Timber Inc.

David Roberts, age 74, Director. Mr. Roberts retired in 2004 from Raymond James Ltd. where he headed its institutional equity business based in Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Roberts has been instrumental in raising financing for our Company to date.

George Malpass, age 76, Director. Mr. Malpass is a former President, Chief Executive Officer and the founder of Primex Forest Products Ltd., a coastal British Columbia lumber company, which maintained consistent profitability over 17 consecutive years. Mr. Malpass has served as a director of Mercer International Inc., International Forest Products Ltd. and Riverside Forest Products Ltd. and is a former chairman of the Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia.

Jim Jia, age 48, Director. Mr. Jia is the general manager of Tangshan Caofeidian Wood Industry Co. Ltd., a major forest productions port terminal and processing hub in Northern China. Mr. Jia has over 20 years of lumber and woodworking machinery marketing experience in China and Japan.

John Bae, age 45, Director. Mr. Bae is the corporate development manager of LJ Resources Co. Ltd. Mr. Bae has over 20 years of global softwood lumber marketing experience.

Michael Costello, age 65, Director. Mr. Costello has held a number of executive and board positions during his career. Mr. Costello has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of BC Transmission Corporation, President and Chief Executive Officer of BC Hydro and Deputy Minister of Finance and Secretary to the Treasury Board for the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Saskatchewan. Mr. Costello previously served as Chair of the Canadian Electricity Association, Chair of the Energy Council of Canada and director of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, the Ontario Power Authority and InTransit BC.

Pat Bell, age 59, Director. Mr. Bell served as Executive Vice President of the Company in 2014 and currently serves as a director of Gold Reach Resources Ltd. and Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc. During his political career, Mr. Bell served three terms in the BC Legislature and held a number of high profile positions with the provincial government, including Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, Minister of Forests and Range and Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Bell's entrepreneurial career involved interests in a variety of businesses, including a logging company and a trucking company. Earlier in his career, Mr. Bell worked in the hospitality industry at a corporate level, and he remains involved with the organization as a franchisee.

Tom Reed, age 67, Director. Mr. Reed was Vice President of Resources in Plum Creek Timber Inc.'s Atlantic South region and oversaw sustainable forest management in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and North Carolina. Prior to joining Plum Creek Timber in 2001, Mr. Reed served as Vice President of Forest Resources at Champion International Corporation. Mr. Reed currently serves as Chairman of Forest Resources Association Inc. and on the boards of the Florida Forestry Association and Georgia Forestry Association, as well as on the Georgia – Alabama Land Trust board.

Yuri Lewis, age 56, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary. Mrs. Lewis has over 30 years of experience in the forest products sector, primarily with wholesale and distribution companies and most recently with Welco. Mrs. Lewis has been a member of the Certified General Accountants (CGA) Association of British Columbia since 1987 and completed her MBA in 2002.

Hans Thur, age 59, Senior Vice President Marketing. Mr. Thur has extensive marketing, sales and global supply chain management experience with a leading North American lumber manufacturer. In his previous role, Mr. Thur was also responsible for the integration of several newly acquired business units. Mr. Thur is familiar with the softwood lumber wholesale and distribution business through direct experience gained earlier in his career.

Antonio Madia, age 41, Senior Vice President Operations. Mr. Madia has over 20 years of experience in the forest products sector in a variety of roles including forestry, maintenance planning, accounting and finance and operations management. Mr. Madia earned his forestry degree in 1999 and his Certified General Accountants (CGA) designation in 2006.

Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

To the best of our knowledge, no director or executive officer is, as at the date of this Annual Information Form, or has been, within 10 years before the date of this Annual Information Form, a director, Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of any company (including our Company) that:

- was the subject, while the director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO of such company, of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director, CEO or CFO and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO of such company.

To the best of our knowledge, no director, executive officer or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of our securities to affect materially the control of our Company:

- is, as at the date of this Annual Information Form, or has been within 10 years before the date of this Annual Information Form, a director or executive officer of any company (including our Company) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceeding, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets;
- has, within the 10 years before the date of this Annual Information Form, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director, executive officer or shareholder;
- has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

Conflicts of Interest

Our directors and officers may be subject to potential conflicts of interest in connection with our operations. In particular, certain of our directors and officers are involved in managerial or director positions with other companies whose operations may, from time to time, be in direct competition with our operations or with entities which may, from time to time, provide financing to, or make equity investments in, our competitors. See the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Directors and Executive Officers*". In accordance with the CBCA, any director who has a material interest or any person who is a party to a material contract or a proposed material contract with us is required, subject to certain exceptions, to disclose that interest and generally abstain from voting on any resolution to approve the contract. In addition, our directors are required to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of our Company. Certain of our directors and officers have either other employment or other business or time restrictions placed on them, and, accordingly, these directors and officers will only be able to devote part of their time to our affairs.

AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE

Our Board appoints the Audit Committee to assist in monitoring: (i) the integrity of our financial statements; (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and (iii) the qualifications, appointment, independence and performance of our external auditors and senior financial executives. The Audit Committee's authority and responsibilities include meeting with our auditor and reviewing our annual financial statements and making recommendations for the approval of such financial statements to the Board. Material issues related to the audit of

our internal accounting controls and information systems are discussed with the Audit Committee as such issues arise. The Audit Committee has direct access to our auditors.

Audit Committee Charter

The Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee contained in our Corporate Governance Guidelines set out the responsibilities and duties, qualifications for membership, procedures for committee member appointment and reporting to the Board. A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee is attached hereto as Schedule "B".

Composition of the Audit Committee

Michael Costello chairs the Audit Committee. The other members of the Audit Committee are David E. Roberts and George Malpass. Each member of the Audit Committee is "financially literate" within the meaning of National Instrument 52-110 — *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**"). All members of the Audit Committee are "independent" members of the audit committee as that term is used in NI 52-110.

Relevant Experience

Set out below is a description of the education and experience of each member of the Audit Committee relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as a member of the Audit Committee:

Michael Costello. Mr. Costello has held a number of executive and board positions during his career. Mr. Costello has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of BC Transmission Corporation, President and Chief Executive Officer of BC Hydro and Deputy Minister of Finance and Secretary to the Treasury Board for the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Saskatchewan. Mr. Costello previously served as Chair of the Canadian Electricity Association, Chair of the Energy Council of Canada and director of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, the Ontario Power Authority and InTransit BC.

David E. Roberts. Mr. Roberts is retired from Raymond James Ltd. where he headed its institutional equity business based in Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Roberts has also participated in a number of courses related to risk management and governance topics with particular emphasis on audit committees.

George Malpass. Mr. Malpass is the former President, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Primex Forest Products Ltd., a coastal British Columbia lumber company, which maintained consistent profitability over 17 consecutive years. Mr. Malpass has served as a director of Mercer International Inc., International Forest Products Ltd. and Riverside Forest Products Ltd. and is a former chairman of the Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee include responsibilities regarding the provision of non-audit services by our external auditors. The Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee state that the Audit Committee shall: (i) pre-approve the retention of the independent auditor for all audit and non-audit services, including tax services, and the fees for such non-audit services which are provided to us and our subsidiaries; (ii) consider whether the provision of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the auditor's independence; and (iii) if so determined by the Audit Committee, recommend that our Board take appropriate action to satisfy itself of the independence of the auditor.

Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since the commencement of our most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board.

Audit, Tax and Other Fees

Fees paid or accrued to our external auditor for audit and other services for the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, were as follows:

	2015	2014
Audit fees ⁽¹⁾	\$148,529	\$166,654
Audit-related fees ⁽²⁾	67,350	47,787
Tax fees ⁽³⁾	77,918	68,572
Other fees ⁽⁴⁾	40,159	76,093
	\$333,956	\$359,106

Notes:

(1) Audit fees include the audit of our annual financial statements.

(2) Audit-related services include assurance and related services reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements.

(3) Tax services include tax advisory and compliance services and tax credit contingency fees which are based on a percentage of recoveries.

(4) Other fees consist of services provided related to the documentation and testing of internal controls over financial reporting.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

Except as disclosed below, we are not involved nor have been involved in any legal or regulatory proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which we are aware) within the preceding financial year.

Given the nature of the business environment in which we operate and the relative strength of our financial position, third parties may threaten or commence legal or regulatory proceedings against us in the ordinary course of our business. An adverse determination in litigation or regulatory proceedings could subject us to significant liabilities to third parties. Although such disputes often settle before trial, the costs associated with such arrangements may be substantial. We closely monitor the progress of all threatened litigation and, where we consider it appropriate, make the appropriate provisions and reserves in our financial statements.

REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT

Our registrar and transfer agent is Computershare Investor Services Inc., 510 Burrard Street, 3rd Floor, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 3B9.

INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as discussed below, there are no material interests, direct or indirect, of directors, executive officers, any shareholder who, to the best of our knowledge, beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of our outstanding common shares or any known associate or affiliate of any such persons, in any transaction since incorporation or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or will materially affect our Company.

In December 2014, an affiliate of Hebei Wenfeng Industrial Group, which owns or controls, directly or indirectly, in excess of 10% of our common shares, subscribed for \$5,676,000 principal amount of the Convertible Notes on the same terms and conditions as were available to the other subscribers. For additional information regarding the Convertible Notes, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – General Development – Financings – \$12 million convertible note financing*".

MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Except as otherwise described in this Annual Information Form, there are no contracts, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, that are material to our Company and that were entered into in the most

recently completed financial year, or before the most recently completed financial year, but are still in effect and have not been previously filed.

The following material contracts were entered into by us during the most recently completed financial year or before the most recently completed financial year but are still in effect:

1. EPA dated June 10, 2011, as amended, between BC Hydro and us. For additional information, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – Bioenergy Segment*";
2. LDA dated June 10, 2011 between BC Hydro and us. For additional information, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – Bioenergy Segment*";
3. Loan Agreement dated April 2, 2013, as amended, between Royal Bank of Canada and us. For additional information, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – General Development – Financings – \$25 million senior secured revolving asset backed credit facility*";
4. The Rights Plan dated May 14, 2013 between Computershare Investor Services Inc. and us. For additional information, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Capital Structure – Common Shares*";
5. The Note Purchase Agreement dated September 5, 2013 between Vertex One Asset Management Inc. and us. For additional information, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – General Development – Financings – \$30 million senior secured financing*";
6. Credit Agreement dated November 27, 2013, as amended, between Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce [et al] and us. For additional information, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – General Development – Financings – \$102.7 million Mackenzie Plant financing*"; and
7. Trust Indenture dated December 15, 2014 between Valiant Trust Company and us. For additional information, see the section of this Annual Information Form titled "*Description of Our Business – General Development – Financings – \$12 million convertible note financing*".

INTERESTS OF EXPERTS

Our auditors are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants, and they have advised us that they are independent of our Company in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information regarding us, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of our securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, is contained in our information circular dated May 25, 2015 in respect of our annual and special meeting of shareholders held on June 22, 2015, which is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Additional financial information is provided in our consolidated financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

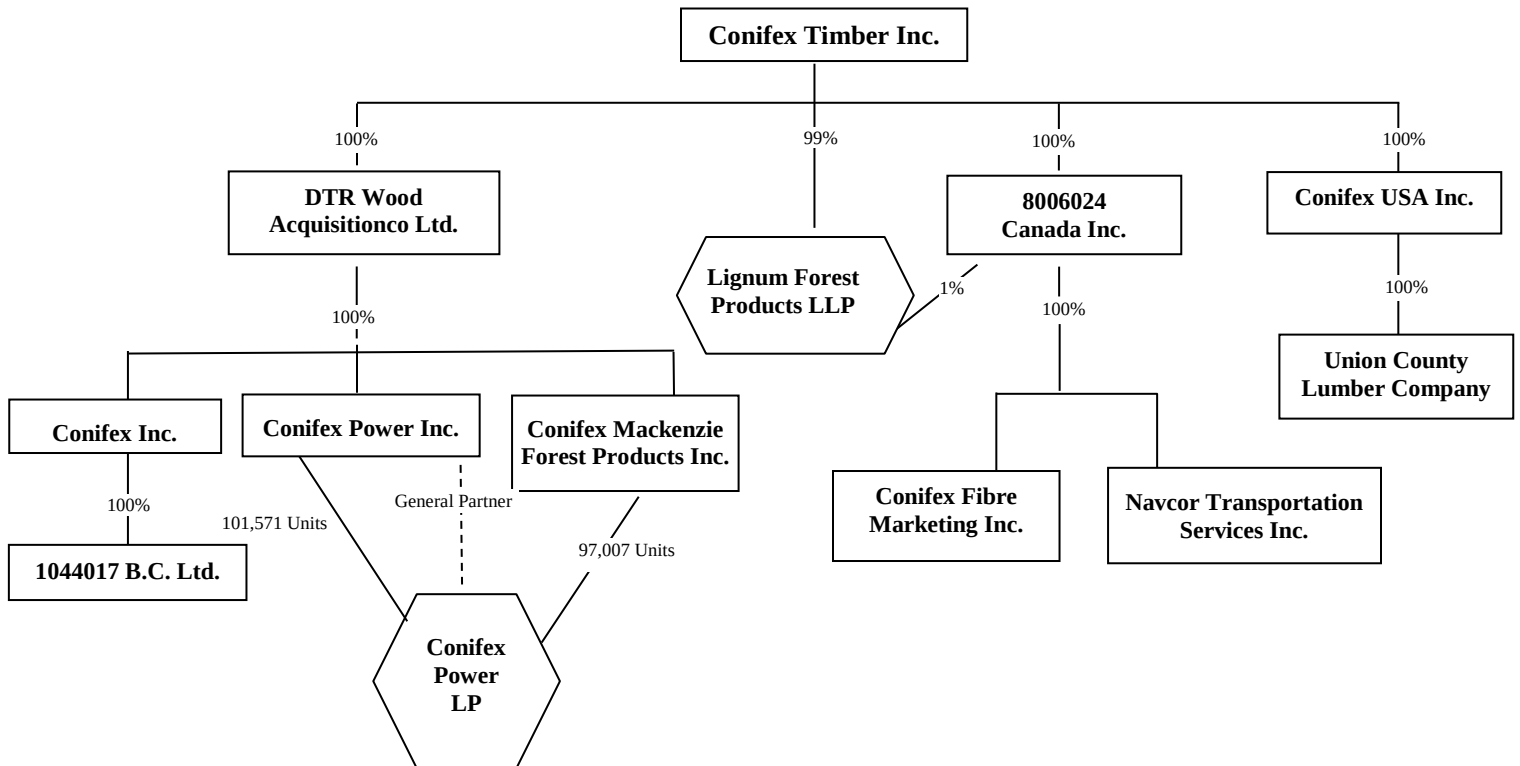
Additional information relating to our Company may be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

SCHEDULE "A "

CORPORATE ORGANIZATION CHART

Corporate Structure

The corporate structure of Conifex Timber Inc. and its subsidiaries is set out in the diagram below:



SCHEDULE "B"
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
OF
CONIFEX TIMBER INC.

1. PURPOSE

The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board to assist the Board in monitoring: (1) the integrity of the financial statements of the Company; (2) the compliance by the Company with legal and regulatory requirements; and (3) the qualifications, appointment, independence and performance of the Company's external auditors and senior finance executives.

The Audit Committee shall consist of at least 3 directors as determined by the Board. The members of the Audit Committee shall meet the independence and experience requirements of any exchange or quotation system upon which the Company's securities are listed or quoted and in accordance with applicable securities laws. In particular, every member of the Audit Committee must be financially literate within the meaning of, and in accordance with, applicable securities laws. The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board.

The Audit Committee may request any officer or employee of the Company and its subsidiaries or the Company's outside counsel or independent auditor to attend meetings of the Audit Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Audit Committee.

The Company shall provide funding to compensate: (i) any registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company; and (ii) any independent legal, accounting or other consultants employed by the Audit Committee. The Company shall also provide funding for the Audit Committee's ordinary administrative expenses that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

The Audit Committee shall make regular reports to the Board.

The Audit Committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

Financial Disclosure, Risk Management and Internal Controls

1. To review, prior to public disclosure thereof, the annual audited financial statements and management's discussion and analysis with management and the Company's independent auditor, including: (i) matters required to be reviewed under applicable legal and regulatory requirements; (ii) major issues regarding accounting and auditing principles and practices; and (iii) the adequacy of internal controls that could significantly affect the Company's financial statements.
2. To review major changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the independent auditor, internal accounting or financial personnel or management.
3. To review an analysis prepared by management and the independent auditor of significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including an analysis of the effect of alternative GAAP methods on the Company's financial statements.
4. To review with management and the independent auditor the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet structures and variable interest entities on the Company's financial statements.

5. To review with the independent auditor any problems or difficulties the auditor may have encountered and any disagreements between the independent auditor and management of the Company and any management letter provided by the auditor and the Company's response to that letter. Such review should include:
 - (a) any difficulties encountered in the course of the audit work, including any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to required information, and any disagreements with management;
 - (b) the internal accounting and financial responsibilities; and
 - (c) the investigation and implementation of the resolution of any disagreement between the independent auditor and the management of the Company.

The Audit Committee shall be directly responsible for the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reports.

6. To review and discuss with management and the independent auditor, as appropriate, the Company's quarterly financial statements, including the results of the independent auditors' review of the quarterly financial statements and earnings press releases, and approve all quarterly financial statements, earnings press releases and financial information provided to rating agencies before public disclosure thereof.
7. To confirm that all annual and interim financial statement filings are certified by the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer if and as required by applicable law.
8. To review and approve the disclosures required by applicable securities laws to be included in the Company's Annual Information Form and Management Information Circular relating to the Audit Committee and audit and non-audit services and fees.
9. To meet periodically with management to review the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures.
10. Ensure that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements.
11. To review the significant reports to management prepared by the internal accounting and financial personnel and management's responses.

External Auditor

12. Recommend to the Board the nomination and appointment of the independent auditor for the purposes of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company. Each independent auditor or registered public accounting firm engaged for the Company or the Audit Committee shall report directly to the Audit Committee.
13. To review and discuss with the external auditors the scope of the annual audit and the results of the annual audit examination by the external auditors.
14. The sole authority to approve all audit engagement terms and fees to be paid to the independent auditor for audit services.
15. Overseeing the work of the external auditor engaged for the purposes of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services.

16. To review the experience and qualifications of the senior members of the independent auditor team, the quality control procedures of the independent auditor and the rotation of the lead partner and reviewing partner of the independent auditor.
17. To evaluate the performance of the independent auditor and whether it is appropriate to adopt a policy of rotating independent auditors on a regular basis. If so determined by the Audit Committee, recommend that the Board replace the independent auditor.
18. To receive periodic reports from the independent auditor regarding the auditor's independence, discuss such reports with the auditor, consider whether the provision of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the auditor's independence and, if so determined by the Audit Committee, recommend that the Board take appropriate action to satisfy itself of the independence of the auditor.
19. To meet at least quarterly with the chief financial officer and the independent auditor in separate executive sessions.

Non-Audit Services

20. The authority to engage independent counsel and other advisors as it deems necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee.
21. To pre-approve the retention of the independent auditor for all audit and non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiaries by any independent public accountants, including tax services, and the fees for such non-audit services.

Internal Control

22. To review with management and the independent auditor the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal control over annual and interim financial reporting, including information technology security and control and controls related to the prevention and detection of fraud and improper or illegal transactions or payments, the status of the remediation of any identified control deficiencies, and elicit recommendations for improvements.
23. To understand the scope of the independent auditors' review of internal control over financial reporting, and obtain and review reports on significant findings and recommendations, including respecting the Company's accounting principles or changes to such principles or their application and the treatment of financial information discussed with management, together with management's responses.

Compliance

24. To obtain reports/confirmation from management, the Company's senior accounting and financial personnel and the independent auditor that the Company's subsidiaries are in conformity with applicable legal requirements and the Company's Code of Conduct, including disclosures of insider and affiliated party transactions.
25. To review and consider compliance with statutes relating to areas for which the Audit Committee has responsibility.
26. To review with management and the independent auditor any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any employee or anonymous complaints or published reports which raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies.
27. To advise the Board with respect to the Company's policies and procedures regarding compliance with applicable laws and regulations and with the Company's Code of Conduct.

General

28. To report regularly to the Board on Audit Committee activities, issues and related recommendations.
29. To review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.
30. To establish procedures for: (i) the receipt, retention, processing, treatment and resolution of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by the Company's employees of concerns regarding auditing or accounting matters.
31. To review and investigate any matters pertaining to the integrity of management, including conflicts of interest or adherence to standards of business conduct as required in the policies of the Company.
32. To review and pre-approve the hiring policies of the Company regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the auditors and who were engaged on the Company's account.
33. To review the appointment and replacement of the senior accounting and financial executives.
34. To review with management material matters relating to tax and insurance.
35. To review and consider transactions with related parties and/or affiliated transactions.
36. To review and approve or ratify, on at least an annual basis, summary expense reports and reimbursements of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

While the Audit Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Audit Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This is the responsibility of management and the independent auditor. Nor is it the duty of the Audit Committee to conduct investigations, to resolve disagreements, if any, between management and the independent auditor (other than as set out herein) or to assure compliance with laws and regulations and the Company's Code of Conduct.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY

The minutes of all meetings of the Committee will be made available for review by any member of the Board on request to the Audit Chair of the Audit Committee.

INDICATIVE SCHEDULE FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE MATTERS

<i>Agenda Items</i>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Financial Disclosure, Risk Management and Internal Controls												
(i) Review the annual audited financial statements and adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal controls with management and the auditor and related CEO and CFO certifications		•										
(ii) Review analysis prepared by		•			•			•			•	

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management and the auditor of significant financial reporting issues and judgments												
(iii) Review with management and the auditor the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet structures and variable interest entities		•			•			•			•	
(iv) Review with the auditor any problems and difficulties the auditor may have encountered and any disagreements with management		•			•			•			•	
(v) Review with management and the auditor the Company's quarterly financials, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal controls and related CEO and CFO certifications		•			•			•			•	
(vi) Review the report required for the Company's Annual Information Form and management information circular or other document prescribed by applicable securities laws					•							
(vii) Meet with management and review the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures		•						•				
(viii) Review the significant reports to management prepared by the internal accounting and financial personnel		•			•			•			•	
External Auditor												
(i) Review and discuss with the auditors the scope of the annual audit and results		•						•				
(ii) Review qualifications of the senior members of the auditor team, quality control procedures and the rotation of partners								•				
(iii) Pre-approve the retention of the auditor for all audit and permitted non-audit services								•				
Compliance												
(i) Obtain confirmation from management and the auditor re: compliance with legal requirements and the Code of Conduct		•			•			•			•	
(ii) Review and consider compliance with statutes relating to areas for which the Audit Committee has responsibility		•			•			•			•	
(iii) Review with management and the auditor any correspondence with		•			•			•			•	

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regulators or governmental agencies and any employee or anonymous complaints which raise material issues regarding the Company's financials and accounting policies												
General Duties												
(i) Review and reassess the adequacy of the Audit Committee Charter		•				•						
(ii) Review Whistleblower Policy and all reports thereon as scheduled and otherwise as required		•										
(iii) Review and investigate any matters pertaining to the integrity of management (as needed)		•			•			•			•	
(iv) Review and pre-approve any hiring by the Company of employees of the auditor (as needed)		•			•			•			•	
(v) Review the appointment and replacement of the senior accounting and financial executives (as needed)											•	
(vi) Review with management material matters relating to tax and insurance		•			•			•			•	
(vii) Review and consider transactions with related parties as scheduled and otherwise as required		•										
(viii) Review and approve summary expense reports and reimbursement of the Chair, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer		•										