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Interfor reaches Major Milestone on B.C.'s Central Coast

International Forest Products Limited ("Interfor") is the primary forest operator in an area known as the Great Bear Rainforest and we are very pleased to have reached a major milestone with environmental groups, First Nations and governments.

After years of planning and consultations, the B.C. Government and local First Nations have announced that all the major elements of a land use plan for the Great Bear Rainforest on the Central Coast of B.C. are in place. The plan, heralded as globally significant and unique, has wide support from both companies and conservationists. The balancing of harvesting and protection interests is being achieved through a new approach called Ecosystem Based Management.

This agreement provides our customers with assurance they are being supplied with the highest environmental standard available today. These products are supplied to customer's world wide.

Interfor has invested a considerable effort to make this plan possible. By working in collaboration with other companies (in the Coast Forest Conservation Initiative), we have been able to achieve joint solutions with environmental groups such as Greenpeace, Sierra Club and Forest Ethics. Ten years ago this area was known for conflict. Today, it celebrates a complete transformation, where products coming from this area are being promoted for their environmental value as part of the sustainable approach to forest management.

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