

File: EAST PEACE –
KEPPLER CREEK
Annual Operating Plan
2009 - 2010

August 17, 2009

Mr. Gord Whitmore
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Dear Mr. Whitmore

RE: DMI EAST PEACE KEPPLER CREEK ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN

Sustainable Resource Development staff have reviewed Daishowa-Marubeni Peace River Pulp Division's (DMI) Annual Operating Plan for EAST PEACE – KEPPLER CREEK dated June 4, 2009 and resubmitted August 14, 2009. The plan *approval is granted* subject to the following conditions:

- 1/ All harvest operations (both deciduous and coniferous) are subject to the 'Manning Diversified Forest Products Ltd. Operating Ground Rules' dated February 2009.
- 2/ Retention standards are subject to the protocols noted in the DMI/CANFOR GDP for 2009.
- 3/ Approval for this AOP is granted, pending sign-off from any imbedded timber operators/timber disposition holders that are in the FMU.
- 4/ Approval for this AOP is granted, pending resolution to the 'regeneration of conifer areas' in a manner that is satisfactory to SRD, before the submission of the 2010 Silviculture Plan.
- 5/ A pre-operational start-up meeting will be required with the Forester and/or Forest Officer responsible for the area before operations will begin.
- 6/ An updated digital map of the AOP area is to be supplied to SRD by August 26, 2009.

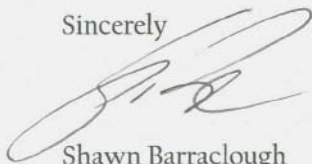


- 7/ Approval for this FHP is granted, pending an access management strategy (for the Whiskey Jack Gate located on the DMI East Haul Road) that is satisfactory to SRD.
- 8/ DMI shall conduct their operations in accordance with the *Alberta Forests Act*, *Public Lands Act*, *Timber Management Regulation*, *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*, *Water Act*, *Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act*, *Weed Control Act*, *Forest Soils Conservation Guidelines*, and all other applicable statutes and regulations.
- 9/ All licences, authorizations and approvals issued by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development and Alberta Environment under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and *Water Act* should not be taken to mean DMI (applicant) has complied with federal legislation. DMI should contact Habitat Management, Fisheries and Oceans in Peace River in relation to the application of federal laws, including but not limited to the *Navigable Water Protection Act* and the *Fisheries Act (Canada)*.

Be advised that approval of DMI's EAST PEACE – KEPPLER CREEKI Annual Operating Plan 2009-2010 does not transfer the accountability for the plan or its implementation from the DMI or the submitting Registered Forestry Professional (RFP) to SRD or its staff.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this approval, please contact Dave Sadowsky, Area Forester at (780) 624-6454.

Sincerely



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Peace Management Area

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