



PERMIT
PE-01164

Under the Provisions of the Waste Management Act

Elk Falls Forest Industries Limited
9th Floor, 700 West Georgia Street
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is authorised to discharge effluent to Discovery Passage from a pulp and paper mill, a cogeneration power plant and a sawmill located in Campbell River, British Columbia, subject to the conditions listed below. Contravention of any of these conditions is a violation of the Waste Management Act and may result in prosecution.

This permit supersedes and amends all previous versions of Permit PE-01164, issued under Part 2 Section 10 of the Waste Management Act.

1. AUTHORISED DISCHARGES

1.1 This subsection applies to the discharge of **PROCESS EFFLUENT, LANDFILL LEACHATE, SANITARY EFFLUENT AND STORM WATER RUNOFF** identified as "F" as shown on the attached Site Plans A and B. The site reference number for this discharge is E100658.

1.1.1 The maximum authorised rate of discharge is 270 000 m³/d.

1.1.2 The authorised discharge period is 24 h/d, 7 d/w.

1.1.3 The characteristics of the discharge shall not exceed:

pH Range	5.0-8.0
96h LC50 toxicity	100 %
Dioxins and Furans	
2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin	nonmeasurable
2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzofuran	50 ppq, maximum

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	<u>Daily Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	$\frac{18.75 \times \text{PROD} \times 1000}{\text{EFF}}$ mg/L 45 600 kg/d	$\frac{7.5 \times \text{PROD} \times 1000}{\text{EFF}}$ mg/L 18 230 kg/d
5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	$\frac{7.5 \times \text{PROD} \times 1000}{\text{EFF}}$ mg/L 18 230 kg/d	$\frac{4.5 \times \text{PROD} \times 1000}{\text{EFF}}$ mg/L 10 940 kg/d
Adsorbable Organic Halogens(AOX)*	note (a)	$\frac{1.0 \times \text{CBPROD} \times 1000}{\text{EFF}}$ mg/L

* The discharge of AOX shall be further reduced as required by the Pulp Mill and Pulp and Paper Mill Liquid Effluent Control Regulation (B.C. Reg. 470/90).

Notes:

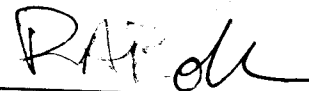
- (a) The Regional Waste Manager may limit the daily maximum discharge of adsorbable organic halogens(AOX) in the future.
- (b) "96h LC50 toxicity" means the calculated concentration of neutralized effluent that is lethal to 50% of the test fish (rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)) during a 96 hour exposure.
- (c) "Monthly average" is the arithmetic average of the test values collected during the calendar month.
- (d) "EFF" means the 90th percentile of the rate of effluent, expressed as m³/d, discharged from the mill, determined by the use of statistical methods, and using a period of time specified in Subsection 3.1.2 or as approved by the Regional Waste Manager for determination of the 90th percentile of the rate of discharge of effluent.
- (e) "PROD" means the 90th percentile of the daily production rate of the mill, expressed as ADt, determined by use of statistical methods, and using a period of time specified in Subsection 3.1.6 or as approved by the Regional Waste Manager for determination of the 90th percentile of the rate of production.

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- (f) "CBPROD" means the 90th percentile of the daily production rate of bleached pulp produced from an on-site bleach plant with the use of chlorine or chlorine compounds, or both chlorine and chlorine compounds, expressed as ADt, determined by the use of statistical methods, and using a period of time specified in Subsection 3.1.6 or as approved by the Regional Waste Manager for determination of the 90th percentile of the rate of chlorine or chlorine compounds bleached pulp production.
- (g) "ADt" means an air dry tonne of pulp product where the weight of the product is corrected to reflect the weight that the product would be if the product were composed of 10% water and 90% fibre.
- (h) The characteristics and rate of discharge of the effluent are to be determined according to the provisions of Subsections 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.4, and 3.2.1 or alternative procedures as authorised by the Regional Waste Manager.
- (i) None of the individual limits for TSS and BOD₅ are to be exceeded.

1.1.4 The authorised works are a spill control system including a spill basin; equalization basin for the kraft mill effluent; two secondary effluent treatment systems with crossover capabilities, each including a primary clarifier, oxygen activated sludge treatment system (UNOX) and a secondary clarifier; a common secondary clarifier outlet control box; foam trap; submerged outfall with a diffuser, and related appurtenances approximately located as shown on attached Site Plans A and B.

1.1.5 The authorised works must be complete and in operation on and from the date of this amended permit.

1.1.6 The location of the facilities from which the discharge originates is Sayward District and Municipality of Campbell River DL 109 (excluding PCL A, 1373R, 16956, 19371), DL 2 (excluding Plan 19371, 42540), DL 1599, DL 1504 Block A Lot 472, DL 1504 Block B, DL 1504 Block C, DL 1504 Block D, DL 2 & 26 (Plan 42540), DL 26 (excluding Plan 34604 & 42540) part of Lot 52 (Plan 659 RW), part of DL 164 (Plan 1431-R) part of DL 163 (Plan 1431-R), part of Lot 151 (Plan 1433R), DL 68, Lot 1 Plan 16712, part of DL 67 (Plan 659 RW & 1374 RW), DL 68 (Plan 20538) DL 109 (Lot 16956) Waterlot Lease #100785, Lot 411 & Block B Lot 1516.

1.1.7 The location of the point of discharge is Discovery Passage.

1.2 This subsection applies to the discharge of **COOLING WATER** identified as "C" as shown on the attached Site Plans A and B. The site reference number for this discharge is E217218.

1.2.1 The maximum authorised rate of discharge is 30 000 m³/d.

1.2.2 The authorised discharge period is 24 h/d, 7 d/w.



1.2.3 The characteristics of the discharge shall not exceed:

96h LC10 toxicity	100%
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Notes:

- (a) A 96h LC10 toxicity value of 100% means that, in a static bioassay on the test fish (rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)), there shall be no greater than 10% mortality in 100% effluent concentration after 96 hours exposure.
- (b) The characteristics and rate of discharge of the effluent are to be determined according to the provisions of Subsections 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.2.1 or alternative procedures as authorised by the Regional Waste Manager.

1.2.4 The authorised works are a cooling water collection system, submerged outfall with a diffuser (also authorised in Subsection 1.1), and related appurtenances approximately located as shown on attached Site Plan A.

1.2.5 The authorised works must be complete and in operation on and from the date of this amended permit.

1.2.6 The location of the facilities from which the discharge originates is the same location as set out in Subsection 1.1.6.

1.2.7 The location of the point of discharge is the same location as set out in Subsection 1.1.7.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Spill Reporting

All spills to the environment (as defined in the Spill Reporting Regulation) shall be reported immediately in accordance with the Spill Reporting Regulation. Notification shall be via the Provincial Emergency Program at 1-800-663-3456.

2.2 Bypasses

The permittee shall ensure that no waste is discharged without being processed through the authorised works unless prior written approval is received from the Regional Waste Manager.

2.3 Maintenance of Works

The permittee shall inspect the pollution control works regularly and maintain them in good working order. Notify the Regional Waste Manager of any malfunction of these works.



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2.4 Emergency Procedures

For the purpose of this subsection, "Emergency" means a situation, beyond the control of the permittee which, notwithstanding the exercise of due diligence, both before and during the emergency, prevents the permittee from complying with permit requirements.

Permit requirements not in compliance because of the emergency will be suspended for such time as the emergency continues or until otherwise directed by the Regional Waste Manager provided that:

- a) the permittee has demonstrated due diligence to the satisfaction of the Regional Waste Manager in relation to the care and maintenance of the process that caused the emergency and that the emergency occurred notwithstanding this exercise of due diligence;
- b) the Regional Waste Manager is immediately notified of the emergency; and
- c) the permittee can demonstrate that everything possible is being done to bring the permit into compliance in the shortest possible time.

Notwithstanding a, b and c above, the Regional Waste Manager may require the operation to be suspended to protect the environment while the situation is corrected.

Notwithstanding the above, the permittee is required to meet the applicable requirements of the *Pulp and Paper Effluent Regulations (SOR/92-269 as amended by SOR/96-293 and SOR/99-166)*, the *Pulp and Paper Mill Defoamer and Wood Chip Regulations (SOR/92-268 as amended by SOR/94-364)*, and the *Pulp and Paper Mill Effluent Chlorinated Dioxins and Furans Regulations (SOR/92-267 as amended by SOR/93-231)*, as amended from time to time, whether or not an emergency exists.

2.5 Foam

Should objectionable amounts of foam, attributable to the effluent, occur on the receiving waters, measures will be required to either eliminate the cause of the foam or to eliminate the foam by additional treatment.



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2.6 Colour

Should colour, attributable to the effluent, become an objectionable feature in the receiving waters, then additional treatment shall be provided to remove colour forming constituents from the effluent prior to discharge when so directed in writing by the Regional Waste Manager.

2.7 Nutrients

Should nutrients be added to increase the efficiency of any biological treatment system, the quantity of nutrient shall be so controlled that excess nutrients are not discharged to the receiving waters. The ratio of BOD:N:P shall be recorded and data kept available for inspection.

2.8 Sludge Wasting and Disposal

Sludge wasted from the treatment plant shall be disposed of to a site and in a manner authorised by the Regional Waste Manager.

2.9 Compliance with Federal Legislation and Requirements

Notwithstanding the requirements in this permit, the permittee is required to adhere to all applicable federal legislation and requirements including the *Pulp and Paper Effluent Regulations (SOR/92-269 as amended by SOR/96-293 and SOR/99-166)*, the *Pulp and Paper Mill Defoamer and Wood Chip Regulations (SOR/92-268 as amended by SOR/94-364)*, the *Pulp and Paper Mill Effluent Chlorinated Dioxins and Furans Regulations (SOR/92-267 as amended by SOR/93-231)*, the *Aquatic Environmental Effects Monitoring Requirements (EEM/1997/1)*, and the *Pulp and Paper Aquatic Environmental Effects Monitoring Requirements (Annex 1 to EEM/1997/1)*, as amended from time to time. Where there is an apparent conflict between federal and provincial requirements, the more stringent requirements will apply.



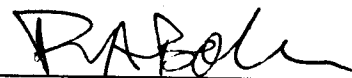
2.10 Total Load Concept

The allowable daily discharge of TSS and BOD₅ is based on the assessed mill production rate of 2431 ADt/d.

At allowable levels of 18.75 kg/ADt for TSS and 7.5 kg/ADt for BOD₅ (daily maximum), and 7.5 kg/ADt for TSS and 4.5 kg/ADt for BOD₅ (monthly average), the total load is computed as follows:

TSS (daily maximum) = $18.75 \times 2431 = 45\,600$ kg/d (rounded up from 45 581.25 kg/d)
TSS (monthly average) = $7.5 \times 2431 = 18\,230$ kg/d (rounded down from 18 232.5 kg/d)
BOD₅ (daily maximum) = $7.5 \times 2431 = 18\,230$ kg/d (rounded down from 18 232.5 kg/d)
BOD₅ (monthly average) = $4.5 \times 2431 = 10\,940$ kg/d (rounded up from 10 939.5 kg/d)

The assessed mill output of 2431 ADt/d is subject to revision at any time, when production data indicates that the mill's performance differs significantly from the past pattern. This does not imply, however, that an increase in the mill output will warrant an increase in the total allowable discharge for any of the parameters.



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Notes:

- (a) Where a sample is to be collected and tested once per month the sampling date shall be selected by the permittee at least 30 days in advance of sample collection and a period of at least 21 days shall separate any two sample collections.
- (b) Rainbow trout toxicity testing shall be increased to once per week if a sample fails to meet the characteristics specified in Subsections 1.1.3 and 1.2.3. Samples shall continue to be collected and tested one day per week until three consecutive tests pass, at which time testing at Sample Site "F" can revert to once per month and at Sample Site "C" to once per quarter.

If a sample of effluent fails the *Daphnia magna* toxicity test, a sample of effluent shall be collected without delay and tested for 96h LC50 toxicity using rainbow trout in accordance with accepted procedures. Samples shall continue to be collected and tested three days each week for 48h LC50 toxicity using *Daphnia magna* until three consecutive tests pass, at which time testing can revert to once per week.

Effluent fails the *Daphnia magna* test when, at 100 percent concentration, it kills more than 50 percent of the *Daphnia magna* subjected to it during a 48-hour period.

For 96h LC50 and 96h LC10 toxicity tests, the percent of fish survival after 96 hours in the undiluted sample shall also be recorded. For 48h LC50 tests, the percent of *Daphnia magna* survival after 48 hours in the undiluted sample shall also be recorded.

- (c) PCDDs and PCDFs testing shall be conducted annually as described above. However, if an annual sample does not meet the quality requirements specified in Subsection 1.1.3, sampling shall be conducted monthly. If three consecutive monthly samples of effluent meet the quality requirements testing may be reduced to once per quarter. If three consecutive quarterly samples meet the quality requirements testing may revert to annually. Annual samples shall be collected with at least 350 days between any sample collection.
- (d) PCDDs and PCDFs testing shall include analyses for all compounds that are chlorinated on the 2, 3, 7, 8 positions (15 in all), and the total tetra, penta, hexa, hepta, and octa substituted isomers.



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- (e) The minimum, maximum and average daily values shall be recorded for pH, temperature and specific conductance. The total amount of time that the pH falls outside the allowable range during each operating day and in each calendar month shall also be recorded.

Based on the results of the effluent monitoring program and/or the data obtained from the receiving environment monitoring program specified in Subsection 3.1.5 the effluent monitoring requirements may be extended or altered by the Regional Waste Manager.

3.1.2 Flow Measurement

Provide and maintain suitable flow measuring devices and record once per day the volume of effluent discharged over a 24-hour period for the discharges authorised in Subsections 1.1 and 1.2.

Once per month, determine the 90th percentile of the volume of effluent discharged over a 24-hour period for the discharge authorised in Subsection 1.1 for the previous 90 days of mill production.

3.1.3 Effluent Pumphouse Overflow

The Regional Waste Manager may require the permittee to monitor the emergency overflow from the pumphouse, which bypasses the secondary treatment facility, based upon the number and duration of such bypasses.

3.1.4 Sampling for Compliance Determination

The compliance sampling method used to provide samples of effluent authorised in Subsection 1.1 for determination of BOD₅, TSS, AOX, PCDDs and PCDFs shall consist of collecting an effluent sample during a period of 24 hours by taking a composite sample at the outlet from the secondary treatment facility identified as "F" as shown on the attached Site Plan A at least every 15 minutes. The Regional Waste Manager may specify an alternate sampling method for compliance determination in the future.



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3.1.5 Receiving Environment Monitoring

A receiving environment monitoring program shall be carried out to determine the following factors:

- (a) The zone of influence of the effluent;
- (b) The receiving water quality;
- (c) The effects of effluent discharge on the receiving water biological community.

The program shall be carried out in accordance with requirements specified by the Regional Waste Manager. It is expected that these requirements will be developed in consultation with other government agencies. Based on the results of the monitoring program or other information, the monitoring requirements may be extended or altered by the Regional Waste Manager in the future.

3.1.6 Production Figures

Record once per day the total mill production and the chlorine and/or chlorine compound bleached pulp production (ADt/d).

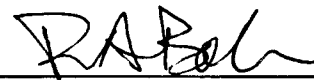
Once per month, determine the 90th percentile of total mill production and chlorine and/or chlorine compound bleached pulp production per day for the previous 90 days of production.

3.2 Monitoring Procedures

3.2.1 Sampling and Analytical Procedures

Sampling shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures described in the "British Columbia Field Sampling Manual for Continuous Monitoring Plus the Collection of Air, Air-Emission, Water, Wastewater, Soil, Sediment, and Biological Samples. 1996 Edition (Permittee)", or by suitable alternative procedures as authorised by the Regional Waste Manager.

Analyses (with the exception of analyses for the concentrations of PCDDs and PCDFs) are to be carried out in accordance with procedures described in the "British Columbia Environmental Laboratory Manual for the Analysis of Water, Wastewater, Sediment and Biological Materials (March 1994 Permittee Edition)", or by suitable alternative procedures as authorised by the Regional Waste Manager.



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Copies of the above manuals may be purchased from the Queen's Printer Publications Centre, P. O. Box 9452, Stn. Prov. Gov't. Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 9V7 (1-800-663-6105 or (250) 387-6409), and are also available for inspection at all Pollution Prevention offices.

Analyses for determining the concentration of PCDDs and PCDFs shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures described in the "Reference Method for the Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-para-dioxins (PCDDs) and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans (PCDFs) in Pulp and Paper Mill Effluents" (Report EPS 1/RM/19).

3.3 Reporting

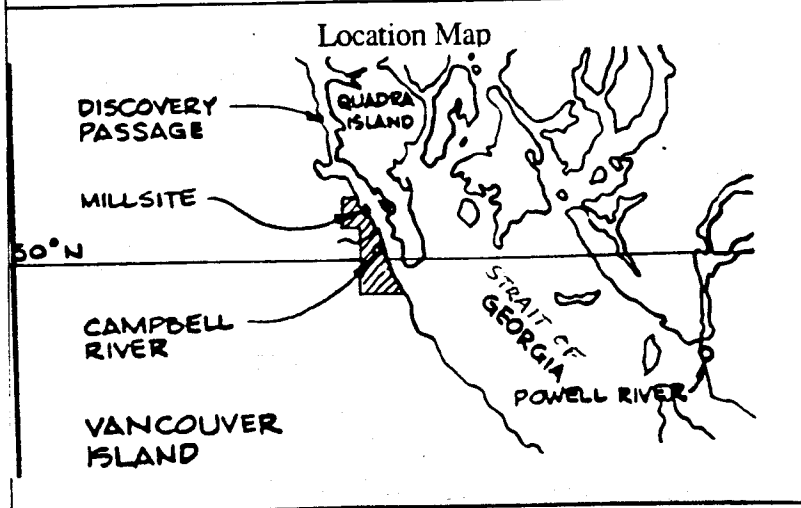
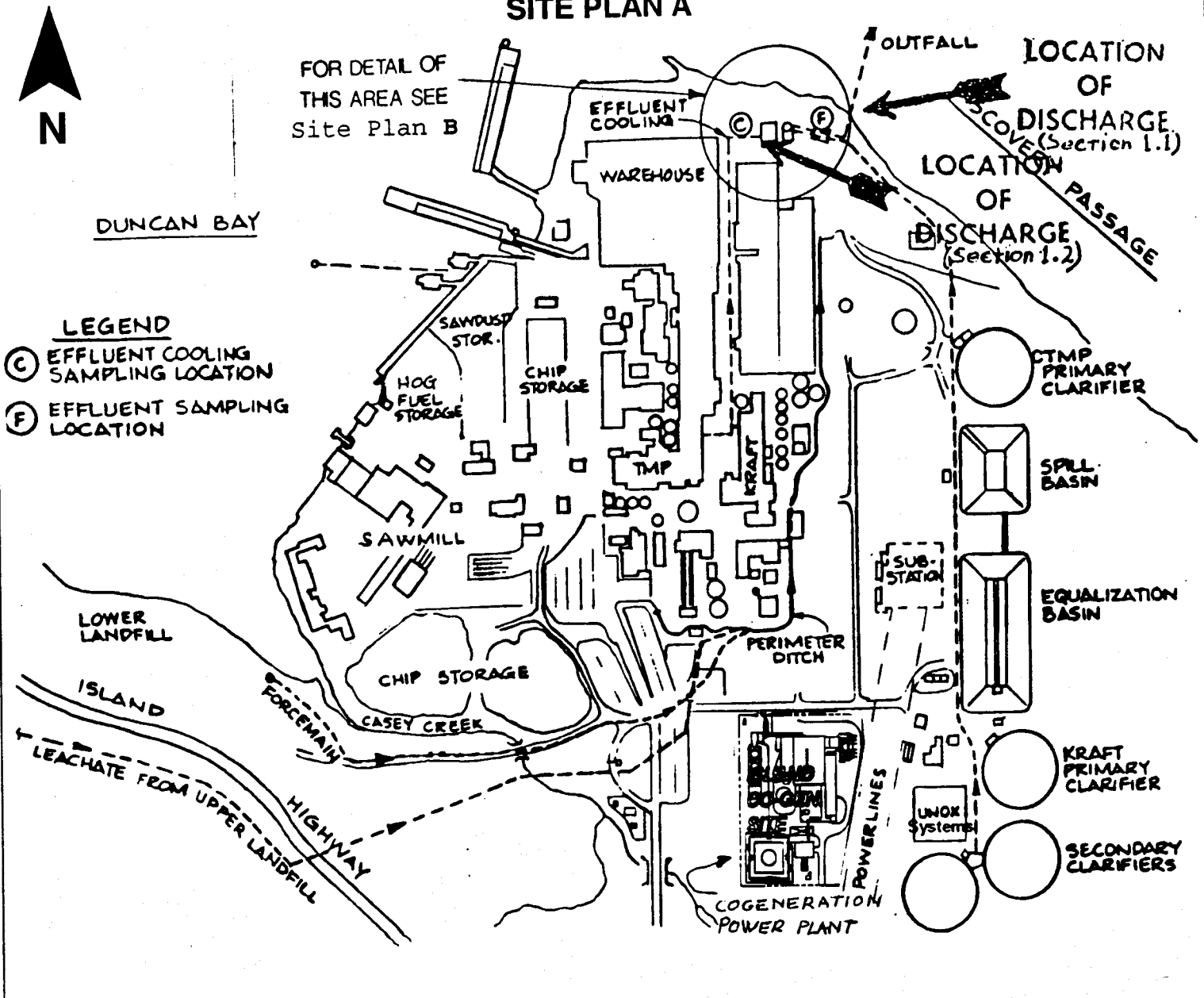
Maintain effluent and receiving environment monitoring data, flow measurements and production figures for inspection and submit the data monthly, in a hard copy or electronic format as specified by the Regional Waste Manager. The information shall be submitted within 30 days following the month in which the data was collected except that the results of PCDDs and PCDFs testing shall be submitted within 60 days after the day on which a sample was collected.

In addition, maintain the results of the pH and specific conductance tests available for inspection by the Regional Waste Manager for a minimum period of three years.

A summary of the results of the receiving environment monitoring program, including an interpretation of the effects on the receiving waters, is to be submitted annually in a report form, which is suitable for release to the public. The annual report is due on March 31 for the period January to December of the previous year.



SITE PLAN A



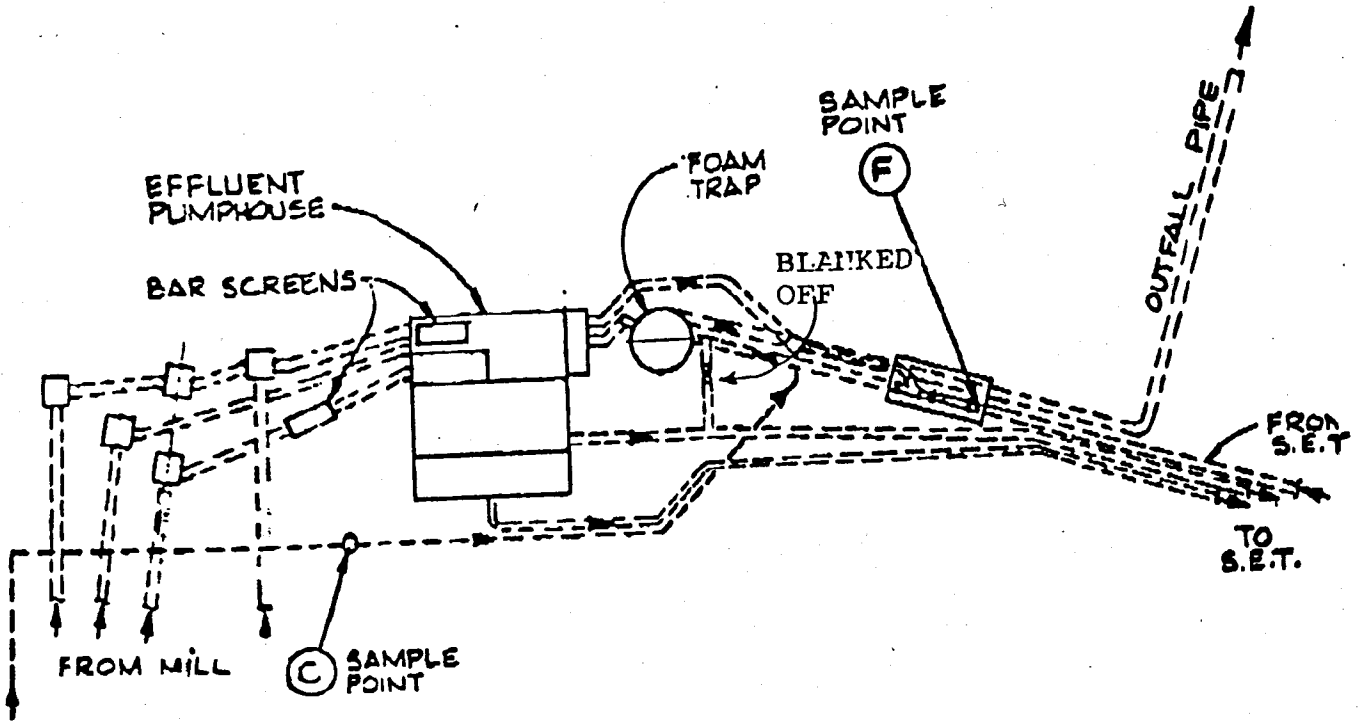
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SITE PLAN B



Location Map

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REGISTERED MAIL

Catalyst Paper Corporation and Catalyst Pulp Operations Limited,
doing business as Catalyst Paper, General Partnership
16th Floor, 250 Howe St
Vancouver BC V6C 3R8

Dear Permittee:

Re: Transfer and Amendment of Permits PE-01164, PR-01602 and PS-11437

In response to your e-mails dated October 13, 2005 and September 12, 2006, and pursuant to Section 17 of the *Environmental Management Act*, the Director hereby consents to the transfer of Permits PE-01164, PR-01602 and PS-11437 from CATALYST PAPER CORPORATION (FORMERLY NORSKE SKOG CANADA LIMITED) to CATALYST PAPER CORPORATION AND CATALYST PULP OPERATIONS LIMITED, DOING BUSINESS AS CATALYST PAPER, GENERAL PARTNERSHIP effective the date of this letter.

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 16 of the *Environmental Management Act*, Permits PE-01164, PR-01602 and PS-11437 are hereby amended to reflect the company name change from CATALYST PAPER CORPORATION (FORMERLY NORSKE SKOG CANADA LIMITED) to CATALYST PAPER CORPORATION AND CATALYST PULP OPERATIONS LIMITED, DOING BUSINESS AS CATALYST PAPER, GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Please note that although revised permits have not been produced at this time, a copy of this letter is being placed on the permit files, as an addendum to the permits, to reflect the change in the name of the permit holder. CATALYST PAPER CORPORATION AND CATALYST PULP OPERATIONS LIMITED, DOING BUSINESS AS CATALYST PAPER, GENERAL PARTNERSHIP is now the permittee with all inherent rights and responsibilities. Your attention is respectfully directed to the conditions of the permits. Annual fees for the permits will be determined in accordance with the Permit Fees Regulation.

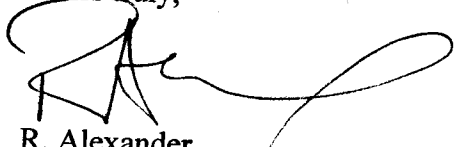
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These permits do not authorize entry upon, crossing over, or use for any purpose of private or crown lands or works, unless and except as authorized by the owner of such lands or works. The responsibility for obtaining such authority rests with the permittee. It is also the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that all activities conducted under these permits are carried out with due regard to the rights of third parties, and comply with other applicable legislation that may be in force.

This decision may be appealed to the Environmental Appeal Board in accordance with Part 8 of the *Environmental Management Act*. An appeal must be delivered within 30 days from the date that notice of this decision is given. For further information, please contact the Environmental Appeal Board at 250 387-3464.

Administration of these permits will be carried out by staff from the Vancouver Island Region. Plans, data and reports pertinent to the permits are to be submitted to the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection Division, at Ministry of Environment, Regional Operations, Vancouver Island Region, 2080A Labieux Road, Nanaimo BC V9T 6J9.

Yours truly,



R. Alexander
for Director, *Environmental Management Act*
Vancouver Island Region

Enclosure

pc: Catalyst Paper Corporation
Environment Canada
Catalyst Paper, Elk Falls Division



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Lawson Lundell Lawson and McIntosh
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925 West Georgia Street
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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Section 14 of the *Waste Management Act*, I consent to the transfer of Permits PE-01164 and PA-03341 issued to Elk Falls Forest Industries Limited to Norske Skog Canada Limited subject to the following conditions:

1. The transfer of Permits PE-01164 and PA-03341 becomes effective on and from the date of this letter.
2. Norske Skog Canada Limited is responsible for all terms and conditions of the permits and all liability thereunder including the payment of any outstanding and applicable fees.

Yours truly,

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cc: Norske Skog Canada Limited
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It is anticipated that the values for PROD, EFF and CBPROD will be adjusted from time to time based upon updated operating information.

Yours truly,



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Cc: C. Easton, Supervisor, Environmental Engineer

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Dear Permittee:

Enclosed is amended Permit PE-01164 issued under the provisions of the *Waste Management Act*. Your attention is respectfully directed to the terms and conditions outlined in the permit. An annual permit fee will be determined according to the Waste Management Permit Fees Regulation.

This permit does not authorise entry upon, crossing over, or use for any purpose of private or Crown lands or works, unless and except as authorised by the owner of such lands or works. The responsibility for obtaining such authority shall rest with the permittee. This permit is issued pursuant to the provisions of the *Waste Management Act* to ensure compliance with Section 54(3) of that statute, which makes it an offence to discharge waste without proper authorisation. It is also the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that all activities conducted under this authorisation are carried out with regard to the rights of third parties, and comply with other applicable legislation that may be in force.

This decision may be appealed to the Environmental Appeal Board. Notice of the appeal must (1) be in writing, (2) include the grounds for appeal, (3) be directed by registered mail or personally delivered to the Chair, Environmental Appeal Board, 4th Floor 836 Yates Street, Victoria British Columbia V8V 1X4, (4) be delivered within 30 days from the date notice of the decision is given, and (5) be accompanied by a fee of \$25, payable to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations. For further information, please contact the Environmental Appeal Board at (250) 387-3464.

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Administration of this permit will be carried out by staff from our Regional office located at 2080-A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, British Columbia, V9T 6J9, telephone (250) 751-3100. Plans, data and reports pertinent to the permit are to be submitted to the Regional Waste Manager, at this address.

Yours truly,



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