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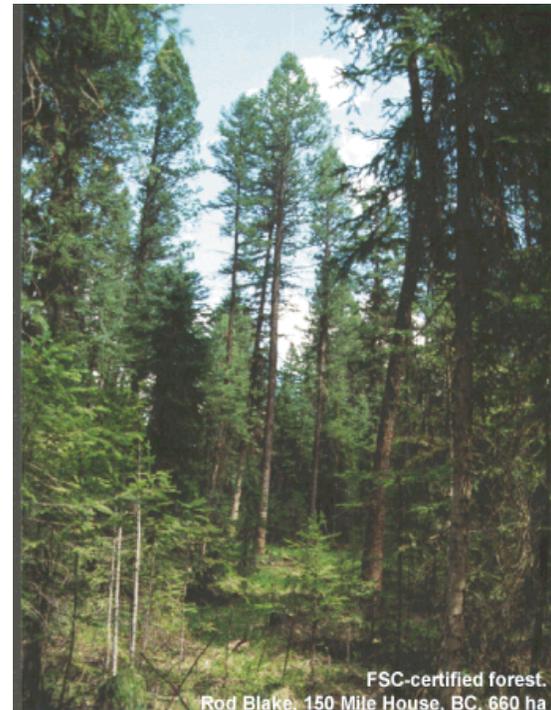
FSC Standards

Approval of landmark BC forest management standards!

Nov. 23, 2005: The Board of Directors of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) of Canada is proud to announce the accreditation of the B.C. forest management standards for large industrial forests and small operators. These standards are revisions of those preliminarily approved in 2003, and are the result of thousands of hours of consultation with interested parties from across the province. The revised standard is significantly less complex to implement, while maintaining the same high levels of environmental, social and economic performance that are the hallmarks of FSC certification. This announcement represents an unprecedented consensus among the B.C. forest industry, First Nations, environmentalists, forest communities and workers. For standards, press release and more visit www.fscCanada.org or www.fsc-bc.org.

Interpretation of Indigenous Agreements in the Boreal Standard

Nov. 24, 2005: FSC Canada completed an interpretation of Indicator 3.1.2 in the National Boreal Standard, which pertains to reaching agreement with affected Indigenous communities. The interpretation provides guidance on potential ways to verify that the applicant is applying its best efforts to reaching agreement in circumstances where no formal agreement has been reached. The report of the Ad-Hoc Indicator 3.1.2 Interpretation Committee can be obtained on the FSC Canada website in the 'What's New' section.



FSC News

FSC International Board of Directors Election Results

Oct. 26, 2005: FSC International Center in Bonn, Germany, on behalf of the FSC Board of Directors, has announced the results of elections held for the three available seats on the Board. Elected to the Northern Environmental chamber is Eric Palola, director of the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) northeast office in Montpelier, Vermont. Chris van der Goot, a forestry engineer and director of the Ecohout Foundation in The Netherlands, was elected to the Northern Social chamber. Cristian Vallejos, executive director of the Asociación para la Conservación de la Cuenca Amazónica (ACCA), a Peruvian NGO dedicated to biodiversity conservation, was elected to the Southern Environmental chamber. The newly elected members will assume office on December 11, 2005.

Change of Implementation date for controlled wood standard extended to January 2007

Nov. 7, 2005: The FSC International Board of Directors has approved the FSC International Center's proposal to extend the deadline for compliance with the FSC Controlled Wood requirements for new certificate holders to January 1st, 2007. The original date for implementation by new certificate holders was initially set at January 1, 2006, but was revised upon recommendation by the FSC Controlled Wood working group. For more information contact m.wenbansmith@fsc.org.

Goldman Sachs Winner of the Designing & Building with FSC Award

Nov. 9, 2005, Washington, DC: Goldman Sachs received the first annual Designing & Building with FSC Award in recognition of their new building at 30 Hudson Street in Jersey City, NJ. Presented by FSC-US and Forest Products Solutions at the 2005 GreenBuild Expo in Atlanta, Georgia, this annual award recognizes building projects that have furthered responsible forest management through their use of FSC-certified wood products. This award was launched in conjunction with FSC's new professional training guide, Designing & Building with FSC. For more visit www.fscus.org.



Mistik Management Ltd. pursues FSC certification

Meadow Lake, SK: Mistik recognizes the growing demand in the marketplace for third-party verification of sustainable forest management performance and has announced its intent to become certified to the Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC) Boreal Standard (August 2004). Mistik provides wood procurement and forest management services for NorSask Forest Products Inc. and Millar Western Pulp Ltd.,

Vancouver graphic designers get a dose of moral fibre

Nov. 10, 2005, Vancouver, BC: A stellar line-up of speakers shared their views and sparked discussion with Vancouver graphic designers, printers and paper merchants. They explored trends in corporate social responsibility, de-mystified environmental papers, discovered FSC-certified papers, viewed samples and received marketing and sales tips. This 'Breakfast with Moral Fibre' was hosted by FSC Canada thanks to the generous support of Hemlock Printers, Coast Paper and SmartWood

Cascades Sells its Paper Merchant Division

Nov. 17, 2005, Kingsey Falls, QC: Cascades Inc. announced that it has reached an agreement for the sale of its paper merchant division known as Cascades Resources, a Division of Cascades Fine Papers Group Inc., to Coast Paper Limited, a subsidiary of PaperlinX Limited, for a purchase price of approximately \$CA85 million. Cascades expects to complete this transaction by year end subject to regulatory approval and other normal closing conditions. Both Cascades and Coast Paper Ltd. are suppliers of FSC-certified papers.

First FSC certification in New Brunswick by Eel Ground First Nations

Nov. 30, 2005, Eel Ground, NB: Congratulations to the Eel Ground Community Development Centre Inc. for their recent FSC-certification (SA-FM/COC-1463) of 2,853 ha. This certification represents the first FSC certification by a First Nations community in New Brunswick.

The FSC Blitz

Nov/Dec 2005: Don't miss the feature article and full page FSC ad in this month's issue of Blitz Magazine. The feature article, written by Marilyn Knoch, Executive Director of the BC Printing and Imaging Association, discusses FSC and its role in the print industry. Blitz is a bi-monthly national publication for communications professionals with a targeted circulation of over 10,000. Check out the last page for the full page FSC ad (right) recognizing all FSC printers in Canada!

FSC on the Newstands

Nov/December 2005: The last few months have seen more and more articles on FSC and certification in newspapers and magazines across the country. Don't miss the articles in these publications!

- Northern Ontario Business (November)
- Forest West (December)
- Corporate Knights (January)
- Canadian Home Workshop Mag. (Winter-06)
- The Working Forest (December)
- La Forêt Lanaudoise (November)
- Vancouver Sun, Home (Sat. 26 Nov.)

Make sure your vote counts!

Dec 7-9, 2005, Manaus, Brazil: Members who are unable to attend the General Assembly should designate another individual as their representative (proxy) to vote on their behalf. Members who wish to designate a representative must provide a written statement, signed by two witnesses, indicating the member who will be represent them at the General Assembly. We strongly appeal to those members who can't attend to designate a proxy. How to submit your proxy

1. Download proxy form at: www.fsc.org/general_assembly/en/ga/i_cannot_attend
2. Complete form and have signed by two witnesses.
3. Fax form to FSC-International at +49-228- 367-6630.
4. Fax/Email/Mail a copy of the form to a representative of your choosing who will be in attendance at the General Assembly.

If you do not know a representative, you can designate Antony Marcil of FSC Canada. BY DEC. 2nd 2005!!!
(amarcil@fscscanada.org, F: 416-778-0044).

FSC office annual surveillance audits of SCS.

Dec. 15-16, 2005: FSC's international accreditation unit will conduct an office surveillance audit for SCS between December 15 and 16, 2005 at the head office in Oakland, USA. FSC welcomes comments from national initiatives, certification bodies, FSC members and other interested stakeholders on the performance SCS and the certified organization. Please send your comments to the Accreditation Program accreditation@fsc.org by December 12, 2005.

Upcoming Events

DEC. 6, 2005: Workshop on 'Critically needed new research on forest certification'

Manaus, Brazil: The Yale Program on Forest Certification is hosting an Academic Side Event at the FSC General Assembly. At this event, speakers from around the world will present on lessons learned thus far in research on FSC certification, and all participants will be invited to identify new priorities for future research. Visit www.fsc.org/general_assembly for more

DEC. 7-9: Shaping the future of the world's forests and people.

Manaus, Brazil: More than 250 members and partners from more than 55 countries will meet at the 4th FSC General Assembly. FSC members and stakeholders will decided on further actions to promote responsible stewardship of the world's forests. A series of side meetings and field trips will take place prior to the event. For more visit www.fsc.org/general_assembly.

FEB. 8 2006: Environmental Printing Awards (Toronto, ON)

Toronto, ON: The 2006 PrintAction magazine will be presenting the Environmental Printing Awards, which honor those who show initiative in providing products or services, which help move the graphic communications industry towards greener practices. Keynote speech by Dr. David Suzuki. Tickets available at: <http://www.printaction.com/default.php/online/epa/>

