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**Western Forest Products Comments on Media Reports That It Has Sold Certain Southern Vancouver Island Private Lands**

**October 24, 2007 – Duncan, British Columbia.** Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX: WEF) (“Western”) has been made aware of reports in the media that it has sold approximately 2,550 hectares of higher and better use private lands on southern Vancouver Island, near Jordan River. The Company confirms that it has entered into an agreement to sell these lands but that the agreement is highly conditional and subject to due diligence. Accordingly, there can be no certainty that the agreement will be completed. Until the conditions in the agreement have been lifted the Company will make no further comment on this matter.

Western had previously disclosed that it intends to sell its non-core assets, including these Southern Vancouver Island lands. Western had also disclosed that it believes the sale of all of the non-core assets could generate an estimated \$150 to \$180 million in net proceeds.

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**Western Forest Products**

Western is an integrated Canadian forest products company and the largest coastal British Columbia woodland operator and lumber producer with an annual available harvest of approximately 7.5 million cubic metres of timber of which 7.3 million cubic metres is from Crown lands and 0.2 million cubic metres from private timberlands and lumber capacity in excess of 1.5 billion board feet from eight sawmills and four remanufacturing plants. Principal activities conducted by the Company and its subsidiaries include timber harvesting, reforestation, sawmilling logs into lumber and wood chips, and value-added remanufacturing. Substantially all of Western’s operations, employees and corporate facilities are located in the coastal region of British Columbia while its products are sold in over 20 countries worldwide.

**Forward Looking Statements and Information**

*This press release contains forward-looking statements and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities law. Those statements and information include statements or information regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of Western with respect to the sale of its non-core assets. Such statements or information may be indicated by words such as “approximately”, “achieving”, “estimated”, “expected”, “anticipate”, “plan”, “intend”, “believe”, “will”, “should”, “may” and similar words and phrases. Readers are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements or information are not guarantees and may involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, and that the actual results may differ from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements or information as a result of various factors including, changes in government regulation, and misjudgments in the course of preparing forward-looking statements or information. The information contained under the “Risk Factors” section of Western’s Annual Information Form and under the “Risks and Uncertainties” section of Western’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis identifies important factors that could cause such differences. All written and oral forward-looking statements or information attributable to Western or persons acting on behalf of Western are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statements. Western does not expect to update forward-looking statements or information as conditions change.*

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