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**Western Announces Completion of Sale of
Non-core Assets to Capital Regional District**

August 12, 2010 – Vancouver, British Columbia. Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX: WEF) announces that it has completed the sale of certain non-core properties to the Capital Regional District of Victoria, British Columbia at the purchase price of \$18.8 million. The sale, which was previously announced on March 17, 2010, includes properties located in the southern portion of Vancouver Island, encompassing approximately 2,350 hectares within the Company's Jordan River, Sooke Potholes, and Weeks Lake holdings. The payment schedule requires \$9.4 million due on August 12, 2010, \$3.3 million on August 12, 2011, and \$6.1 million on August 12, 2012. The net proceeds from the sale will be used to pay down the Company's debt in accordance with its lending agreements. As a condition of sale on two parcels valued at \$4.5 million, the Company must secure a Certificate of Compliance on an environmental remediation project under way. The company has until August 12, 2012 to secure that certificate.

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 7.4 million cubic metres of timber of which approximately 7.1 million cubic metres is from Crown lands and lumber capacity in excess of 1.5 billion board feet from eight sawmills and four remanufacturing plants. Principal activities conducted by the Company 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 25 countries worldwide.

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