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Western Forest Products Announces Departure of CFO

March 4, 2009 – Duncan, British Columbia. Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX: WEF) (“Western”) today announced that Murray Johnston, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance, has left the company effective immediately. Mr. Johnston joined the company in November 2007 and had overall responsibility for the financial organization.

Brian Cairo will be replacing Mr. Johnston as Vice President of Finance. Mr. Cairo joined the company in March 2006 as Western’s Controller and most recently held the position of Vice President Controller.

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 1.6 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 30 countries worldwide.

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