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**Western Forest Products appoints Stephen Frasher
as President and Chief Executive Officer**

June 15, 2009 - Duncan, British Columbia. The Board of Directors of Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX: WEF) today named Stephen Frasher as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective immediately. Dominic Gammiero, who has served in this position for the last six months while a recruitment process was underway, will continue in his role as Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Frasher has spent most of his career in the transportation industry, most recently as President and Chief Executive Officer of Washington Marine Group (“WMG”) in Vancouver. His experience at WMG has provided him with an understanding of the political, labour and First Nations environment in B.C.

“Mr. Frasher has a proven track record with companies facing challenging situations and he will complement the recent re-organization of the company,” said Mr. Gammiero.

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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