Western Forest Products is continuing to implement our strategic capital plan which will position the company to be more competitive in the global marketplace. We will be investing $6.7 million in technology in our Alberni Pacific Division (APD) sawmill. APD is a leader in the manufacturing of structural materials, industrial timbers, railway ties and appearance products for customers in Japan, North America, China, and Korea. The mill’s core business is in producing components for traditional Japanese home construction. Investing in our ability to supply this important market is a key to our future.

The equipment will deliver a significant increase in operating speeds, improve value, and increase lumber recovery. This installation will make APD a more competitive mill in the global marketplace and more resilient to market fluctuations. The result, APD will remain a stable economic contributor to the company and the community resulting in shareholder returns, a reliable supply to customers, and secure employment.

Western is proud to initiate this leading technology in BC’s coastal wood manufacturing industry. We are continuing with our commitment to coastal BC by investing back into our facilities—positioning us for the future.