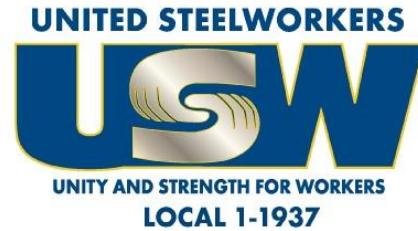




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Western Forest Products and United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 Statement on Tragic Incident in Woss

April 21, 2017 – Woss, British Columbia. We recognize and share the deep sense of grief as a result of the loss of life and injuries in Woss, British Columbia. We know that words cannot express or console the sorrow of the families of those directly impacted. The safety of all our employees and members across the communities where we operate and live remains our first priority.

“Western Forest Products Inc. (“Western” or the “Company”) and United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 will continue to focus efforts on working together to ensure that the families, workers, and all affected are supported,” said Don Demens, President and Chief Executive Officer. “The well-being and safety of our employees and the communities where we operate is paramount.”

“On behalf of the Local Union, I express our heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and co-workers of each and every person affected by the tragic incident in Woss yesterday” said United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 President, Brian Butler. “We are actively working to support all those affected in any way we can”.

Western and United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 wish to thank the first responders, individuals, and various organizations that have been supporting the community and those that have expressed their support. At this time, it is requested that the privacy of employees and their families is respected.

Western has closed all Timberlands operations today with respect for our employees and their families. Critical Incident Stress Counsellors are on site and available for employees, families and the community.

We continue to cooperate fully with all authorities as the investigation proceeds.

About Western Forest Products Inc.

Western is an integrated Canadian forest products company, and is the largest coastal British Columbia woodland operator and lumber producer. The Company has an annual available harvest of approximately 6.1 million cubic metres of timber, of which approximately 5.9 million cubic metres is from Crown lands. Western has a lumber production capacity in excess of 1.1 billion board feet from seven sawmills and one remanufacturing plant. 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, with sales worldwide.

About United Steelworkers

The United Steelworkers is Canada's largest private-sector union with 225,000 members working in every region and economic sector in the country.

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