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Western Announces Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

June 23, 2011 – Vancouver, British Columbia. Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX: WEF) ("Western" or the "Company") today announced that it has appointed Don Demens as Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation. Mr. Demens has been Western's Senior Vice President of Sales and Manufacturing for the past two and a half years. "Mr. Demens has been instrumental in changing the business culture and business model and a key player in turning the company around." says Dominic Gammiero, CEO and Chairman. "The board has full confidence in his ability to serve as Chief Operating Officer."

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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