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Western Forest Products Announces Secondary Offering by Brookfield Special Situations

September 19, 2013 – Vancouver, British Columbia. Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX:WEF) (“Western” or the “Company”) and Brookfield Special Situations Management Limited (“Brookfield”) today announced a bought deal secondary offering with a syndicate of underwriters led by Scotiabank, CIBC World Markets Inc., and Goldman Sachs Canada Inc. (the “Underwriters”), through which the wholly-owned subsidiary of Brookfield Asset Management (TSX:BAM.A, NYSE:BAM) has agreed to sell 40,000,000 units (the “Offered Units”) at an offering price of \$1.45 per Offered Unit (the “Offering”). Each Offered Unit will consist of one non-voting share of Western (an “Offered Share”) owned by Brookfield and one voting common share purchase warrant (an “Offered Warrant”) of the Company. Each Offered Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one voting common share of Western (a “Common Share”) owned by Brookfield at a price of \$1.60 until July 31, 2014. The Underwriters have been granted an over-allotment option, exercisable for a period of 30 days from the closing of the Offering, to purchase 6,000,000 additional Offered Units (the “Over-Allotment Units”) at a price of \$1.45 per Offered Unit under the same terms.

Brookfield currently holds 130,170,417 non-voting shares of Western, representing 100% of the issued and outstanding non-voting shares. The Offered Shares are convertible into Common Shares on the basis of one Common Share for one Offered Share, on the terms and conditions set out in the Company’s Articles. Each Common Share of the Company entitles the holder to one vote on any resolutions at meetings of shareholders. On satisfaction of all conditions to closing of the Offering (or the over-allotment, as applicable), including compliance with the Company’s Articles, all Offered Shares (and all non-voting shares comprised in the Over-Allotment Units, as applicable) shall be converted, on a one-for-one basis, into Common Shares, representing approximately 13% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on a non-diluted basis after giving effect to the Offering but before the exercise of the over-allotment option.

Following completion of the Offering, it is intended that 39,376,975 of the then remaining non-voting shares held by Brookfield shall be converted into Common Shares on a one-for-one basis (the “Post-Offering Conversion”), resulting in Brookfield holding 166,764,133 Common Shares, representing approximately 49% of the then issued and outstanding Common Shares of Western on a non-diluted basis. This will represent the same percentage of Common Shares that Brookfield held prior to the Offering.

The Offered Units will be offered by way of a short form prospectus, to be filed by no later than October 2, 2013, in all of the provinces of Canada pursuant to National Instrument 44-101 *Short Form Prospectus Distributions* and in the United States pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended. Closing of the Offering is expected to occur on or

before October 9, 2013 and is subject to certain conditions, including the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

The Post-Offering Conversion may be considered to be a “related party transaction” as such term is defined under Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“MI 61-101”), as the Company proposes to issue securities to Brookfield, a related party of the Company by virtue of its beneficial ownership of more than 10% of the voting shares of the Company. The Post-Offering Conversion would, however, be exempt from the valuation and minority approval requirements under MI 61-101 for related party transactions as the fair market value of the Common Shares issued in the Post-Offering Conversion would be less than 25% of the Company’s market capitalization.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, sale or solicitation would be unlawful. The Common Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration.

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 6.4 million cubic metres of timber of which approximately 6.2 million cubic metres is from Crown lands and lumber capacity in excess of 1.1 billion board feet from eight sawmills and three remanufacturing plants. Principal activities conducted by the Company include timber harvesting, reforestation, sawmilling logs into lumber and by-products 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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Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains statements which constitute forward-looking statements and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Those statements and information appear in a number of places in this document and include statements and information regarding our current intent, belief or expectations primarily with respect to market and general economic conditions, future costs, expenditures, available harvest levels and our future operating performance, objectives and strategies. Such statements and information may be indicated by words such as “estimate”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “plan”, “intend”, “believe”, “should”, “may” and similar words and phrases. Readers are cautioned that it would be unreasonable to rely on any such forward-looking statements and information as creating any legal rights, and that the statements and information are not guarantees and may involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, and that actual results and objectives and strategies may differ or change from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements or information as a result of various factors. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others: general economic conditions, competition and selling prices, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, labour disruptions, natural disasters, relations with First Nations groups, changes in laws, regulations or public policy, misjudgements in the course of preparing forward-looking statements or information, changes in opportunities and other factors referenced under the “Risks and Uncertainties” section of our MD&A in our 2012 Annual Report dated February 21, 2013. All written and oral forward-looking statements or information attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statements. Except as required by law, Western does not expect to update forward-looking statements or information as conditions change.

The Toronto Stock Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.