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**Western Forest Products Announces New Appointments
to its Board of Directors**

August 4, 2015 – Vancouver, British Columbia – Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX: WEF) (“Western” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jane Bird to its Board of Directors (“Board”) and the appointment of current director Daniel Nocente as independent Lead Director.

Ms. Bird has held the positions of Chief Executive Officer at Columbia Power Corporation and Chief Executive Officer at Canada Line Rapid Transit Inc. She was most recently responsible for the Canada House Renewal Project in London, UK as an Attaché with Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Development. Ms. Bird currently serves on the Board of Directors of Global Container Terminals Inc., BC Ferry Services Inc., and IBI Group Inc.

“It is a pleasure to welcome Jane to our Board of Directors,” said Lee Doney, Chairman of the Board of Western. “Her track-record in delivering major multi-faceted infrastructure projects on-time and on-budget, and her impressive executive management and director experience will be a welcome addition to our Board.”

Ms. Bird brings to her board position nearly 30 years of experience in executive-level legal, financial and operating positions for organizations in North America and Europe.

Mr. Nocente has been a director of the Company since 2014. “Appointing Daniel to independent Lead Director reinforces our commitment to corporate governance best practices,” added Doney.

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 6.4 million cubic metres of timber, of which approximately 6.2 million cubic metres is from Crown lands. Western has a lumber capacity in excess of 1.1 billion board feet from seven sawmills and two 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 more than 25 countries worldwide.

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