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**Western Reaches Agreement with United Steelworkers Union**

**July 31, 2014 – Vancouver, British Columbia.** Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX: WEF) (“Western” or the “Company”) announces that a new five-year labour contract with the United Steelworkers union (“USW”) has been ratified by a majority of union members. Approximately 1,500 Western employees are covered under this new collective agreement that expires on June 15, 2019. The previous agreement had expired on June 15, 2014.

“We are pleased with the strong support expressed by our employees in ratifying this agreement” said Don Demens, President and Chief Executive Officer. “This is the second successive agreement that we have reached with the union in a co-operative manner, and for that I would like to recognize all parties involved for their efforts. A continuation of our partnership is paramount to the success of the Company and our ability to build a globally competitive, sustainable forest products business on the coast of B.C.”

**About Western Forest Products Inc.**

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 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 over 25 countries worldwide.

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