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# **Section 1:**

Company Snapshot



### **Investment Highlights**





Margin-focused strategy with exposure to growing lumber demand



High-value, diverse products serving global markets



Business of scale and leader in our key markets



Strong financial position and liquidity



Specialty product focus provides greater earnings stability compared to commodity lumber peers



Superior timber asset base and secure fibre supply

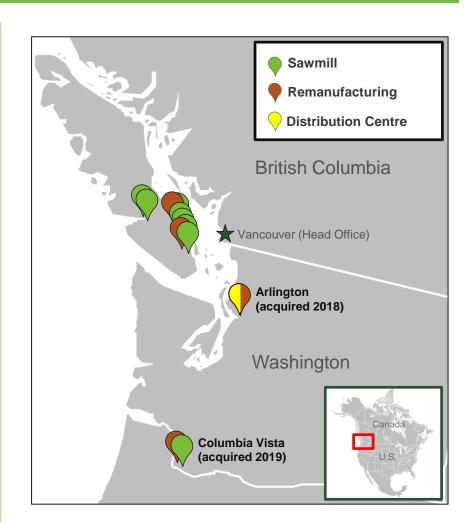


Committed to enhancing and growing shareholder value

### **Operations Snapshot**



- Margin-focused, specialty lumber company
  - Leading cedar lumber, timbers and Japan square manufacturer in North America
- Serve global markets from Coastal B.C. and Washington
- Expanded operations into the U.S.
   Pacific Northwest in 2018 and 2019
- Lumber capacity in excess of one billion board feet at eight sawmills
- Four remanufacturing facilities and a distribution centre



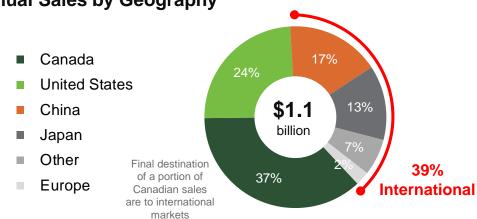
See Appendix for detailed listing of sawmills and remanufacturing facilities

### **Financial Snapshot**



- 5-Year average annual revenue<sup>1</sup> of \$1.1 billion
- 5-Year average annual EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$112 million
- Market cap. of ~\$470 million<sup>2</sup>
- Well capitalized balance sheet
  - Net debt to capitalization of 25% (at end of Q2-20)
  - \$95.1 million in available liquidity (at end of Q2-20)





<sup>(1) 5-</sup>year average from 2015 to 2019, including strike impacted 2019

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on closing share price of \$1.25 on August 19, 2020

### **Executing on Long-term Strategic Priorities**



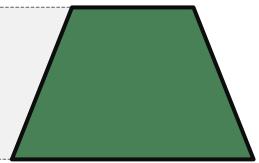
# **Explore Opportunities**

- Pursue margin-focused business opportunities and acquisitions
- Grow wholesale lumber business
- Growth opportunities in the U.S. Pacific Northwest and specialty wood products



# Grow the Base

- Optimize operations to improve margins
- Targeted, high-margin products of scale to selected customers
- Non-capital margin improvement and growth initiatives



# Strengthen Foundation

- Strategic capital investments
- Invest in people and systems
- Mutually beneficial relationships with First Nations



# **Section 2:**

Company Updates



### **Business Update**



#### COVID-19

- Implemented strict health and safety protocols across our business
- Taken prudent measures to protect our balance sheet and liquidity
- Will continue to align our production volumes to match market demand while first and foremost ensuring the health and safety of our employees
- Designated as an essential industry

### Balance Sheet and Liquidity

- Net debt at the end of Q2-20 was \$152.1 million (net debt to capitalization ratio: 25%)
- Available liquidity of \$95.1 million at the end of Q2-20
- \$250 million credit facility; matures August 2022
  - Includes an accordion feature that allows Western to increase the aggregate amount available to \$350 million, subject to lender approval

### Additional Sources of Potential Liquidity

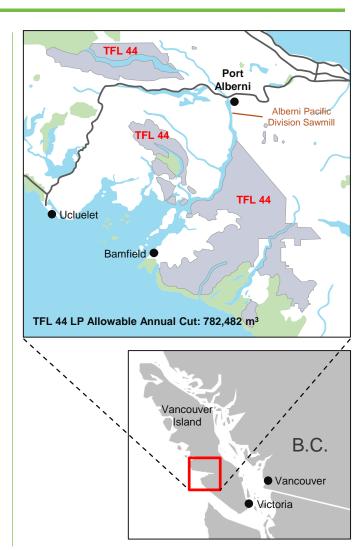
- TFL 44 LP sale to the Huumiis Ventures Limited Partnership (proceeds of \$36.2 million);
   closing anticipated in the second half of 2020
- Other non-core assets (Orca quarry, private timberlands, non-core lands)
- First Nations partnerships

Liquidity and debt reduction remains a key priority and near-term focus and we continue to explore all opportunities to strengthen our balance sheet

# Strengthen the Foundation: Strategic Partnerships with Huu-ay-aht First Nations



- In March 2019, Western completed the sale of a 7% ownership interest in TFL 44 LP to Huumiis Ventures Limited Partnership ("HVLP")<sup>1</sup> for \$7.3 million
  - TFL 44 LP consists of certain assets and liabilities of Western's Port Alberni Forest Operation, including TFL 44
- In March 2020, Western announced the sale of an incremental 44% ownership interest in TFL 44 LP and a 7% ownership interest in a newly formed Alberni Pacific Division Sawmill LP to HVLP for \$36.2 million
  - TFL 44 LP ownership at closing: HVLP 51% | Western 49%
  - Western may sell to other area First Nations up to a further
     26% ownership interest in TFL 44 LP, post closing
  - Long-term log agreement to continue to supply Western's coastal manufacturing operations
  - Subject to customary closing conditions, financing, and certain third-party consents (closing anticipated in the second half of 2020)



(1) Limited partnership beneficially owned by Huu-ay-aht First Nations

# **Growing the Business: Wholesale Lumber Business Unit**



- Form strategic agreements with global suppliers, enabling WFP to broaden the scope of our specialty products offerings
- Will enable WFP to offer an expanded product line that delivers greater value to our customers
  - Will make our existing business and product offerings stronger
- New products will originate in the U.S., Asia, Europe and Canada
  - Comprised of finished products, as well as lumber products that could be further processed at Arlington or with other strategic remanufacturing partners
- Leverage our Arlington centralized warehousing and distribution centre to effectively service our selected U.S. customers
- In 2019, more than doubled wholesale lumber shipments to 34 million board feet compared to 2018

# **Growing the Business: Strategic Marketing and Vendor Purchase Agreements**



- Increase our access to North
   American Home Centre and Pro-Dealer sales channels
  - Greater access to the growing repair and remodel lumber segment
- Working with our customers and investing in marketing to drive demand
  - Specialty branding and marketing initiative opportunities for cedar products
- Estimate that 40% of cedar is consumed in the Home Centre segment
  - Growth opportunity for WFP
- New product branding

# "Lifestyle Cedar" (An Exclusive Home Centre Brand)



# **Growing the Business: Acquisition of Columbia Vista**



- Acquired February 2019 for \$37.7 million, including working capital
- Located in Vancouver, Washington
- Focuses production on Douglas fir specialty products for Japanese and U.S. markets
  - Complements our B.C. hemlock business into Japan
- Annual lumber production: ~60 million board feet
- Columbia Vista's owner working with Western in a consulting capacity







# Growing the Business: Arlington, Washington Lumber Distribution and Processing Centre



#### Overview

- Acquired January 2018 for \$11.6 million
- 18 acre distribution and processing facility
- 170,000 square feet covered storage
- Rail spur on site serviced by BNSF

#### Fits With Our Lumber Sales Strategy

- Centralized warehousing and distribution near the high value U.S. west coast corridor
- Increase production of targeted specialty products and expanded finishing capacity
- Increase margins by growing the sale of finished products, closer to the end customer

### Capital Improvements

- Site and infrastructure improvements completed in Q2-2018, enabling distribution activity to commence from the site
- Equipment upgrades completed in Q1-2019; secondary processing commenced





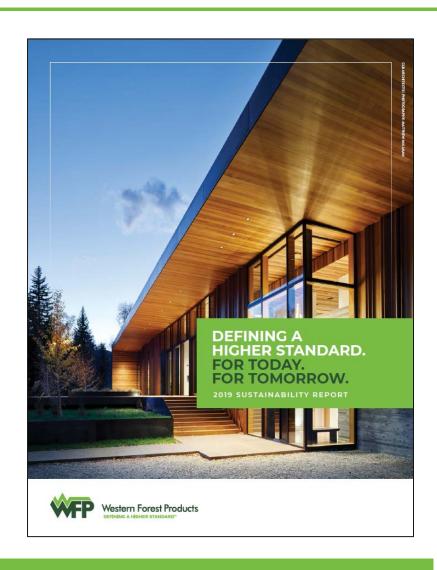




# 2019 Sustainability Report Environmental, Social and Governance Commitment



- Expanded 2<sup>nd</sup> annual sustainability report based on feedback from stakeholders
- Highlights Western's commitment to:
  - Health and safety for our employees, contractors and communities in which we operate
  - Developing and manufacturing sustainable products
  - Strong governance and diversity
  - Sustainable forestry management
  - Commitment to working with our employees, First Nations, communities and stakeholders
- Will look to expand on carbon lifecycle modeling in future reports



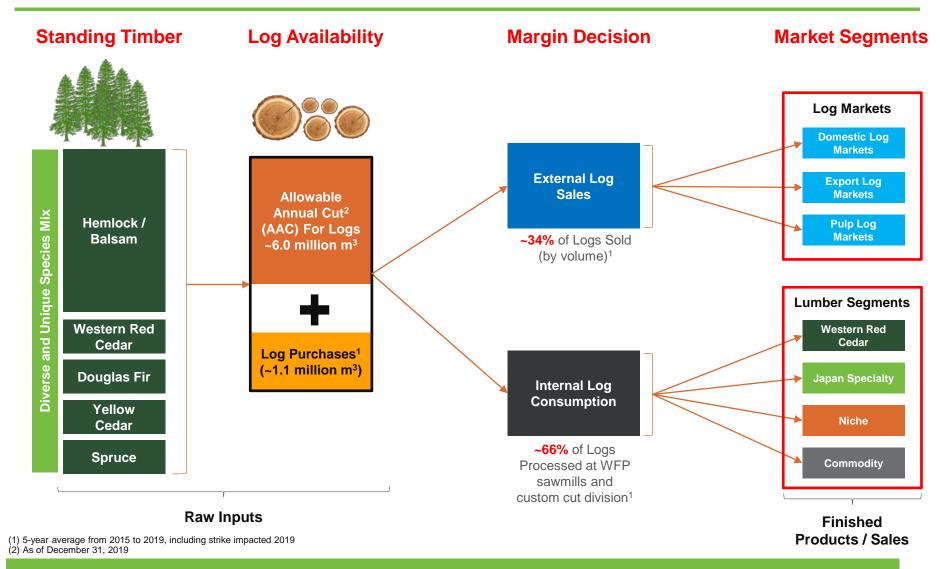
# **Section 3:**

**Company Overview** 



### **Margin Strategy / Fibre and Processing Flow Chart**





# External Log Sales

### **Log Markets Determine Margin Decision**



7%

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29%

External

Log

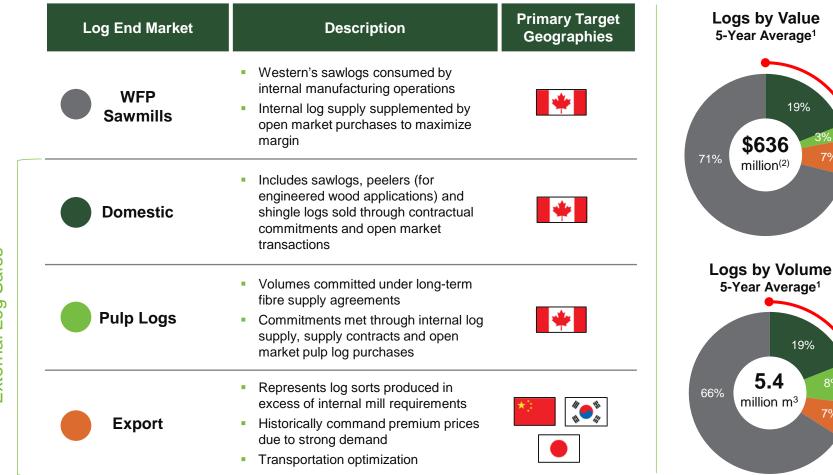
Sales

34%

External

Log

Sales



<sup>5-</sup>year average (2015 to 2019), including strike impacted 2019, based on total external log sales and internal log consumption, including purchased logs. Internal transfer values based on Vancouver Log Market prices Net of freight and fee in lieu

### **Manufacturing and Sales**



Log Supply Marketing Strategy Manufacturing Strategy

Sales Strategy

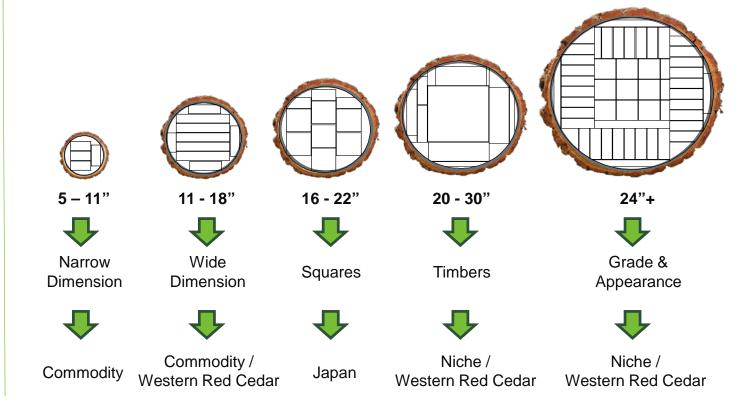
### Log diameter and margin determines lumber products manufactured

Log Cutting Patterns

Log Dimension

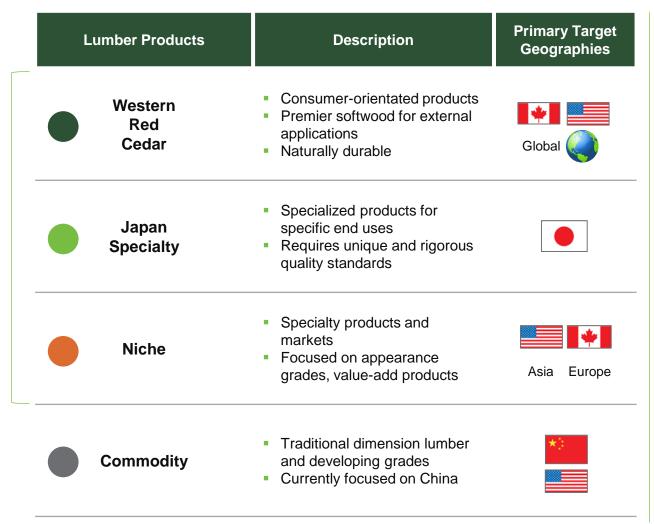
Product Group

Lumber Product Type

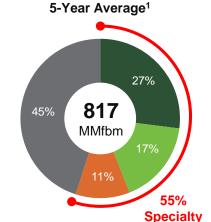


### **Diversified Lumber Product Offering**









(1) 5-year average from 2015 to 2019, including strike impacted 2019

### **Sample Lumber Products**























Diverse product offering manufactured from sustainably harvested forest profile

### **Specialty Product Focus**



2019

——Commodity Lumber Price<sup>(1)</sup>

2020

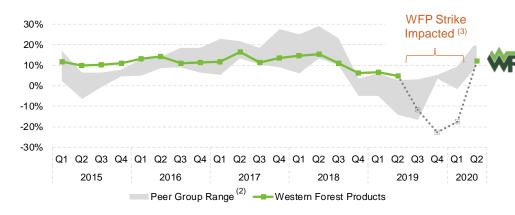
- Approximately 77% of lumber revenue is generated from non-commodity products
- Significant price premium to commodity lumber
- More stable margins through the cycle vs. commodity peers
- Product / market diversity and global exposure provide opportunities to maximize margin
- Cedar, niche and commodity grades will benefit from U.S. housing recovery and global demand



### **Quarterly Lumber EBITDA Margins Comparison**

2016

WFP Average Lumber Price



(3) Q3-19, Q4-19 and Q1-20 are not comparable for Western due to the strike

2015

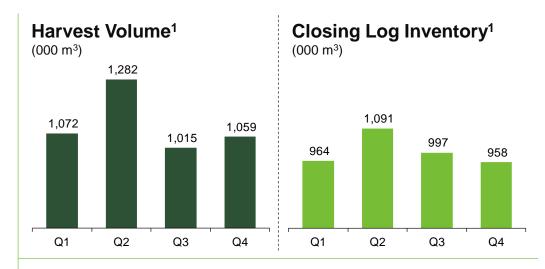
<sup>(1)</sup> KD Western SPF 2x4, #2&Btr; converted from US\$ to C\$

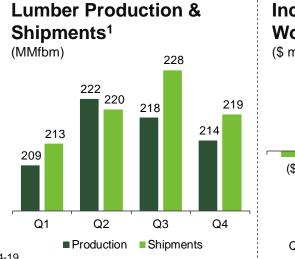
<sup>(2)</sup> High and low EBITDA margin range of West Fraser, Canfor and Conifex (up to Q3-19) lumber segments and consolidated results of Interfor

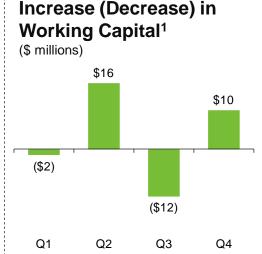
### **Seasonality of the Business**



- Weather (snow pack, heat) and daylight can impact harvest volumes and costs
- Inventory levels can fluctuate through the year, impacting working capital
- Seasonal market demand can impact lumber production
- Typically higher lumber sales volumes in Q2 and Q3 when North American construction activity is at its peak





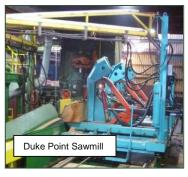


(1) Average of last 5-years (2015 to 2019) excluding strike impacted Q3-19 and Q4-19

### **Strategic Capital Investments**



- Initiatives focused on:
  - Reducing costs
  - Increasing efficiency
  - Increasing production of targeted products
  - Growing production
- Applying proven technology in coastal operations

















### **Competitive Strengths**



- 1 Flexible manufacturing platform that can target a variety of global markets
- 2 Sustainable, diverse timber base providing a unique range of products
- High margin specialty products for the U.S. market cedar, timbers, moulding & millwork, industrial applications
- Customer of choice for other coastal log producers due to competitive advantages of scale, financial strength and proximity
- Low cost access to ocean shipping (break bulk, container & barge) to global markets
- Warehousing and distribution facility to service U.S. customers in high value U.S. west coast corridor

### How is WFP Different From its Public Lumber Peers



- Pure play lumber and log, specialty company
- Cedar and specialty products focused with commodity lumber component
  - Peers focused on commodity lumber with some specialty products
  - Significantly higher average product pricing versus commodity lumber peers
- 3 No mountain pine beetle impacted fibre
- 4 No historical rail or truck transportation issues; ocean going advantage
  - WFP uses the BNSF railway line to ship products

# **Appendix**

Supplemental Materials



# **Western's Business to Benefit from Global Supply and Demand Factors**



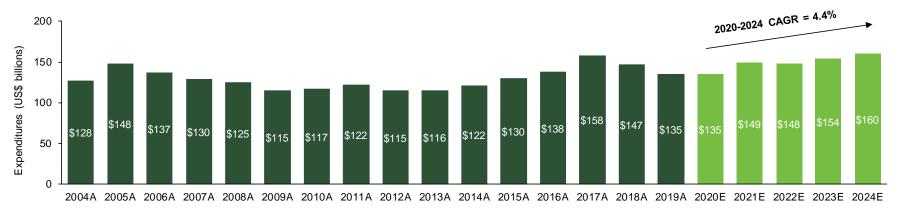
	Factors	Highly Attractive Underlying Supply / Demand Dynamics
	U.S. Economic and Housing Market Growth	<ul> <li>Increasing new home construction and robust repair and remodel activity</li> <li>Transition from supply driven to demand driven market expected to result in improved pricing for wood products</li> </ul>
Strong Underlying Demand Drivers for Wood	Continued Growth in China	<ul> <li>Economic growth and urbanization</li> <li>Consumption of wood will increase</li> <li>Limited domestic fibre supply; increasing need for imports</li> </ul>
Products	U.S. Supply Exit from Japan Market	<ul> <li>Repatriation of U.S. lumber exports back to U.S. market creates opportunity for Western</li> <li>Increase consumption of lumber</li> </ul>
Reduced Supply of Fibre	Canadian Fibre Supply Reduction	<ul> <li>Mountain pine beetle to negatively impact B.C. interior fibre supply and lead to a reduction in B.C. interior lumber production</li> </ul>



# Demand Drivers: U.S. Economic and Housing Market Growth



### **U.S. Repair & Remodel Expenditures**



#### **U.S. Housing Starts**



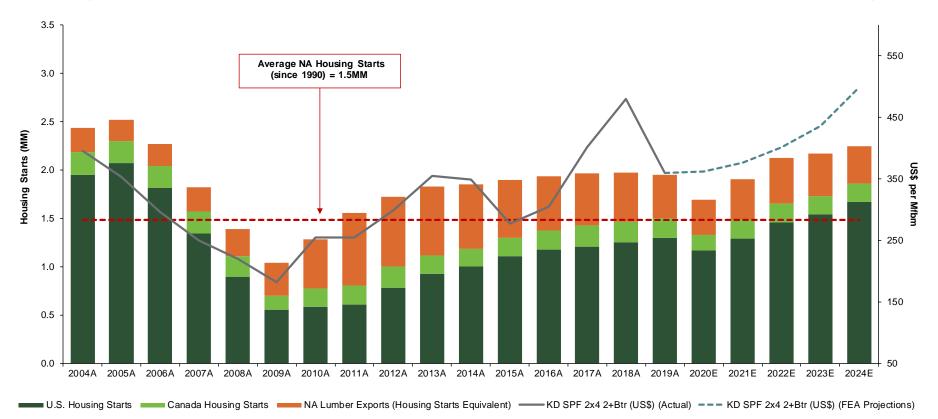


# Demand Drivers: Supply / Demand Dynamics Will Positively Benefit the Industry



 Growing demand from U.S. and Asian markets and reduced supply from traditional sources is expected to benefit the industry long-term

### Housing Starts (North American and Lumber Export Equivalent) vs. Western SPF Lumber Pricing

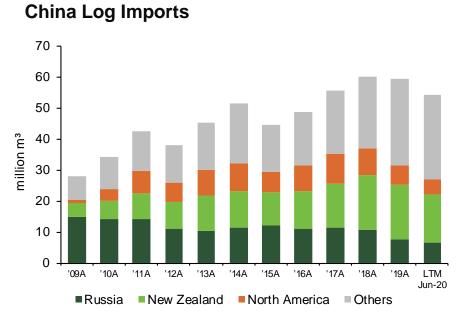




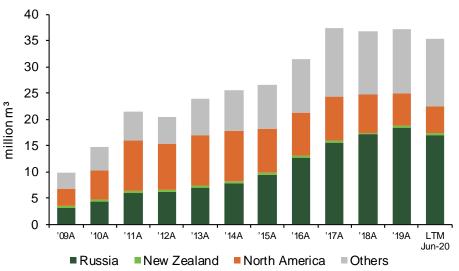
# Demand Drivers: China Growth Has Changed Global Wood Products Demand Dynamics



- A government commitment to housing and continued positive economic growth should support long-term demand for logs and lumber in China
- A deficit of domestic fibre will require China to rely on imports
- Rising wealth / urbanization trends expected to increase demand for lumber



#### **Chinese Lumber Imports**



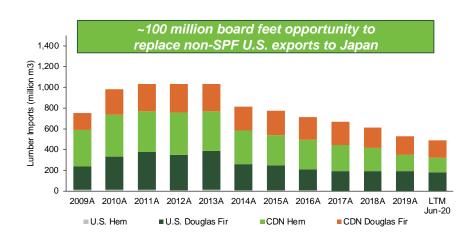


# Demand Drivers: U.S. Supply Exit From Japan Will Create Market Opportunity

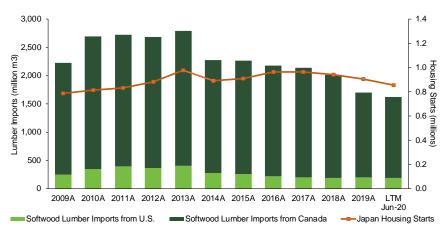


- Japan continues to be a major source of demand for wood products and lumber from North America
- After the global recession in 2008, certain suppliers in the U.S. West increased export activities to Japan due to a lack of U.S. domestic demand
  - As North American housing markets recovered, much of this U.S. supply has been diverted back to local U.S. markets, creating a supply gap in Japan and opportunity for Western's Japan products

# Japanese Lumber Imports of Canadian and U.S. Douglas Fir and Hemlock



# Japanese Imports of Canadian and U.S. Lumber and Japanese Housing Starts

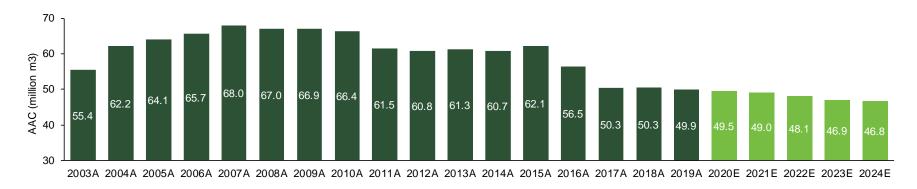




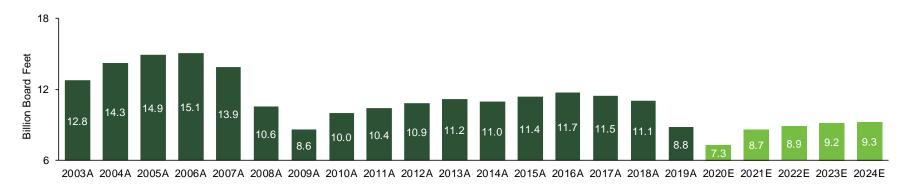
# Supply Drivers: B.C. Interior Fibre Supply Reduction Will Lead to Reduced Lumber Production



#### **B.C. Interior Allowable Annual Cut ("AAC")**



#### **B.C.** Interior Lumber Production



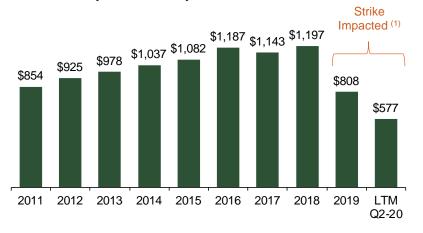
Source: Forest Economic Advisors (August 2020)

Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic and lower AAC in the B.C. Interior are expected to significantly reduce lumber production

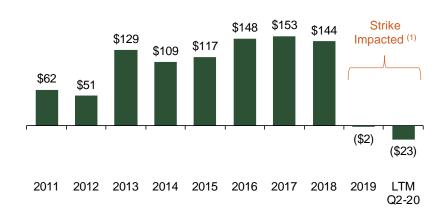
### **Historical Financial Snapshot – Annual**



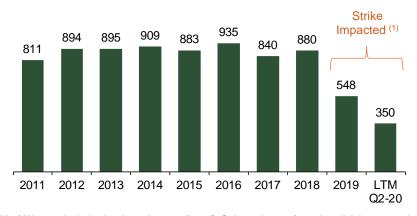
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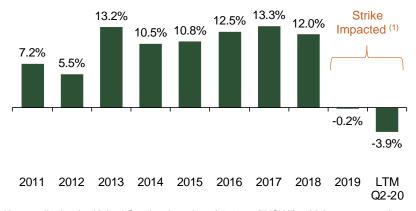
### **Adjusted EBITDA (\$ millions)**



### **Lumber Shipments (MMfbm)**



### **Adjusted EBITDA Margin %**

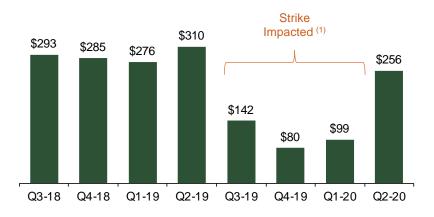


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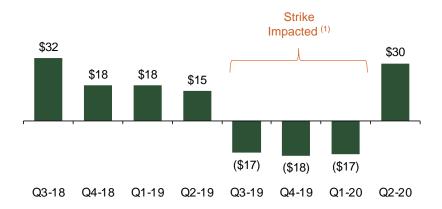
### **Historical Financial Snapshot – Last 8 Quarters**



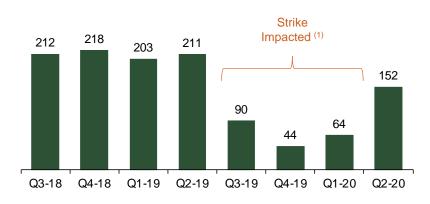
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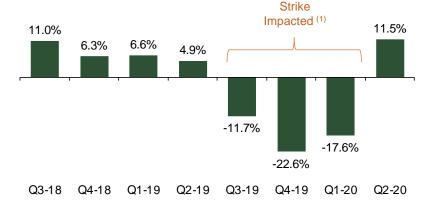
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#### **Lumber Shipments (MMfbm)**



#### **Adjusted EBITDA Margin %**

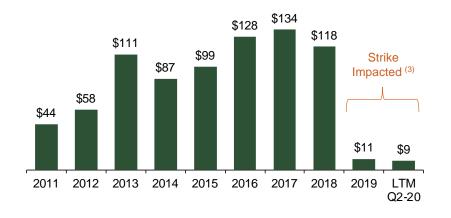


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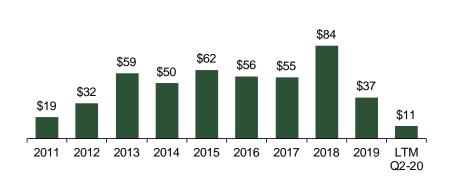
### **Historical Cash Flow, Capital Allocation and Debt**



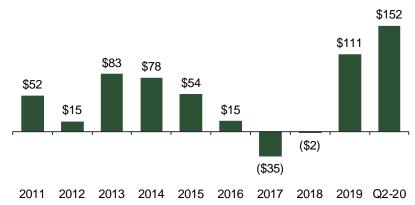
### Cash Flow from Operations<sup>1</sup> (\$ millions)



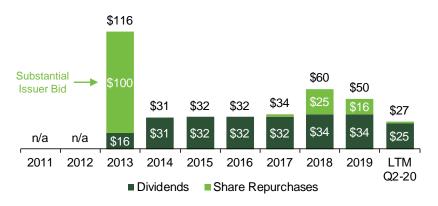
#### Capex<sup>2</sup> (\$ millions)



### Net Debt / (Cash) (\$ millions)



### Dividends<sup>4</sup> & Share Repurchases (\$ millions)



<sup>(1)</sup> After changes in non-cash working capital

<sup>(2)</sup> Additions to property, plant and equipment; excludes acquisition capex

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<sup>(4)</sup> Dividend suspended in May 2020; the Board will continue to review the Company's dividend on a quarterly basis

### **Sawmills and Remanufacturing Facilities**



Sawmills									
Sawmill	Location	Log Diameter Focus	Capacity <sup>1</sup>	Production		2018 Production Mix <sup>4</sup>			
				2019 <sup>2</sup>	2018	WRC <sup>3</sup>	Hemlock	Douglas Fir	Yellow Cedar
Ladysmith	Ladysmith, BC	Small	90	52	67		100%		
Cowichan Bay	Duncan, BC	Medium	215	64	177	13%	87%		
Saltair	Ladysmith, BC	Medium	240	96	214	22%	61%	17%	
Alberni Pacific	Port Alberni, BC	Medium to Large	175	44	106		100%		
Duke Point	Nanaimo, BC	Medium to Large	130	64	127	3%	91%	6%	
Chemainus	Chemainus, BC	Medium to Large	130	47	99	100%			
Somass <sup>5</sup>	Port Alberni, BC	Medium to Large	90						
Columbia Vista	Vancouver, WA	Medium to Large	80	57 <sup>6</sup>	n/a <sup>6</sup>			100%	
Custom Cut	Multiple	Varies	n/a	67	74	27%		30%	43%
Sawmill Total			1,150	491	864	22%	66%	8%	4%

Remanufacturing and Distribution				
Canada	United States			
Value Added Division – Chemainus, BC	Arlington Distribution and Processing Centre – Arlington, WA			
Duke Point Planer – Nanaimo, BC	Columbia Vista Sawmill, Planer and Kilns – Vancouver, WA			

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on two shifts and 250 operating days, except Chemainus and Duke Point at three shifts

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<sup>(3)</sup> Western red cedar

<sup>(4) 2018</sup> data shown due to the strike impacting 2019; data for 2019 is available in our 2019 Annual Information Form

<sup>(5)</sup> Somass was indefinitely curtailed in July 2017 due to a lack of log supply to operate the mill efficiently

<sup>(6)</sup> Acquired February 1, 2019

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