



## Western Forest Products Inc.

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### Western Forest Products Inc. Announces Board of Director Changes

**April 11, 2018 – Vancouver, British Columbia** – Western Forest Products Inc. (TSX: WEF) (“Western” or the “Company”) announced today that Mr. Barrie Shingleton will not be standing for re-election as a director at Western’s Annual and Special Meeting on May 3, 2018, and that Ms. Suzanne Blanchet has been proposed as a nominee for election to the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”).

“On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Mr. Shingleton for his invaluable guidance, advice and contributions during his tenure on Western’s Board,” said Lee Doney, Chairman of Western Forest Products Inc. “Following an extensive search, we are pleased to have Ms. Blanchet stand as a nominee to our Board. Suzanne has an impressive and diverse resume of board service and executive management experience.”

Until 2017, Ms. Blanchet was Senior Vice President of Corporate Development with Cascades Inc. Prior to that, Ms. Blanchet served as President and CEO of Cascades Tissue Group. She currently serves on the boards of Argopur Dairy Cooperative, Atis Group Inc., Solmax and Éco Entreprise Québec. Ms. Blanchet has previously served as a director for a number of companies including Rona Inc., and is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

#### About Western Forest Products Inc.

Western is an integrated Canadian forest products company and the largest coastal British Columbia timberlands operator and lumber producer. The Company has an annual available harvest greater than 6 million cubic metres of timber, of which approximately 5.8 million cubic metres is from Crown lands. Western has a lumber capacity in excess of 1.1 billion board feet from seven sawmills. Principal activities of the Company include timber harvesting, sawmilling logs into specialty lumber, and value added remanufacturing. With operations and employees primarily on the coast of British Columbia and one location in Washington State, Western is a premier supplier of high-value, specialty forest products to markets worldwide.

#### Forward-looking Statements

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