

2024 Second Quarter Report

# Management's Discussion & Analysis

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") reports and comments on the financial condition and results of operations of Western Forest Products Inc. (the "Company", "Western", "us", "we", or "our"), on a consolidated basis, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, to help security holders and other readers understand our Company and the key factors underlying our financial results. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the notes thereto for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, and our audited annual consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023, which can be found on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

The Company has prepared the consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Amounts discussed herein are based on our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and are presented in millions of Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. Certain prior period comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

Reference is made in this MD&A to Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA"). Adjusted EBITDA is defined as operating income prior to operating restructuring items and other income (expense), plus amortization of plant, equipment, right of use and timber licence assets, impairment adjustments, and changes in fair value of biological assets. Adjusted EBITDA margin is Adjusted EBITDA as a proportion of revenue. Western uses Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin as benchmark measurements of our own operating results and as benchmarks relative to our competitors. We consider Adjusted EBITDA to be a meaningful supplement to operating income as a performance measure primarily because amortization expense, impairment adjustments and changes in the fair value of biological assets are non-cash costs, and vary widely from company to company in a manner that we consider largely independent of the underlying cost efficiency of their operating facilities. Further, the inclusion of operating restructuring items which are unpredictable in nature and timing may make comparisons of our operating results between periods more difficult. We also believe Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are commonly used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate our financial performance.

Adjusted EBITDA does not represent cash generated from operations as defined by IFRS and it is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs. Furthermore, Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the impact of certain items that affect our net income. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are not measures of financial performance under IFRS and should not be considered as alternatives to measures of performance under IFRS. Moreover, because all companies do not calculate Adjusted EBITDA in the same manner, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin calculated by Western may differ from similar measures calculated by other companies. A reconciliation between the Company's net income as reported in accordance with IFRS and Adjusted EBITDA is included in the "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this report.

Management uses key performance indicators such as net debt, net debt to capitalization and current assets to current liabilities. Net debt is defined as long-term debt and bank indebtedness less cash and cash equivalents. Net debt to capitalization is a ratio defined as net debt divided by capitalization, with capitalization being the sum of net debt and equity. Current assets to current liabilities ratio is defined as total current assets divided by total current liabilities. These key performance indicators are non-GAAP financial measures that do not have a standardized meaning and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other issuers. They are not recognized by IFRS, but are meaningful in that they indicate the Company's ability to meet its obligations on an ongoing basis and indicate whether the Company is more or less leveraged than in the past.

This MD&A contains statements that may constitute forward-looking statements under the applicable securities laws. Readers are cautioned against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All statements herein, other than statements of historical fact, may be forward-looking statements and can be identified by the use of words such as "will", "commit", "project", "estimate", "expect", "anticipate", "plan", "target", "forecast", "intend", "believe", "seek", "could", "should", "may", "likely", "continue", "pursue" and similar references to future periods. Forward-looking statements in this MD&A include, but are not limited to, statements relating to our current intent, belief or expectations with respect to: domestic, North American and international market conditions, prices, demands and growth; economic conditions; legislative changes and policy initiatives; our growth, marketing, production, wholesale, operational and capital allocation plans, investments and strategies, fibre availability and regulatory developments; changes to stumpage rates and the expected timing thereof; the impact of public health threats; the execution of our sales and marketing strategy; the development, completion and implementation of integrated resource management plans or forest landscape plan pilots by First Nations, including the Plans; the timing and impact of the determination of a new allowable annual cut ("AAC") for Tree Farm Licence ("TFL") 19; the impact of the determination of a new AAC for North Island Timber Supply Area, the potential to execute future options for the APD property; the capacity of the Company's facilities and assets including its continuous dry kilns, the expected timing and cost of completion and commissioning of the Company's announced strategic investments and capital expenditures; and the Company's pursuit of potential future investment opportunities that it is exploring through planning and permitting. Although such statements reflect management's current reasonable beliefs, expectations and assumptions as to, amongst other things, the future supply and demand of forest products, global and regional economic activity and the consistency of the regulatory framework within which the Company currently operates, there can be no assurance that forward-looking statements are accurate, and actual results and performance may materially vary.

Many factors could cause our actual results or performance to be materially different, including: economic and financial conditions including inflation, international demand for forest products, the Company's ability to export its products, cost and availability of shipping carrier capacity, competition and selling prices, international trade disputes and sanctions, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, labour disputes and disruptions, ability to recruit workers, natural disasters, the impact of climate change, relations with First Nations groups, First Nations' claims and settlements, the availability of fibre and AAC, the ability to obtain operational permits, development and changes in laws and regulations affecting the forest industry, changes in the price of key materials for our products, changes in opportunities, information systems security and other factors referenced under the "Risks and Uncertainties" section herein. The foregoing list is not exhaustive, as other factors could adversely affect our actual results and performance. Forward-looking statements are based only on information currently available to us and refer only as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements. Unless otherwise noted, the information in this discussion and analysis is updated to July 31, 2024.

# Summary of Selected Quarterly Results (1)

(millions of Canadian dollars ("CAD") except per share amounts and where otherwise noted)

Summary Information		Q2 2024	Q2 2023	Q1 2024	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Revenue		<b></b> ·		<b></b>		<b></b>
Lumber (2)		\$ 235.3	\$ 212.4	\$ 177.6	\$ 412.9	\$ 423.4
Logs		56.5	52.8	45.1	101.6	91.4
By-products		12.4	9.4	10.5	22.9	22.7
Forestry services and other (3)		5.3	1.4	6.3	11.6	2.3
Total revenue		309.5	276.0	239.5	549.0	539.8
Freight		19.4	21.0	16.0	35.4	43.6
Export tax expense		6.3	6.2	4.0	10.3	10.9
Stumpage		6.6	14.3	5.3	11.9	29.8
Adjusted EBITDA (4)		\$ 9.4	\$ (12.0)	\$ (4.2)	\$ 5.2	\$ (17.1)
Adjusted EBITDA margin (4)		3%	(4%)	(2%)	1%	(3%)
Operating loss prior to restructuring and other items		\$ (4.3)	\$ (25.1)	\$ (17.3)	\$ (21.6)	\$ (43.2)
Net loss		(5.7)	(20.7)	(8.0)	(13.7)	(38.4)
Loss per share, basic and diluted	\$ per share	(0.01)	(0.07)	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.12)
Operating Information (5)						
Lumber shipments (2)(6)	mmfbm	173	153	131	304	323
Cedar	mmfbm	39	38	30	69	67
Japan Specialty	mmfbm	27	21	29	56	36
Industrial (2)	mmfbm	23	23	21	44	47
Commodity	mmfbm	84	71	51	135	173
Lumber production (2)	mmfbm	151	148	145	296	310
Lumber price, average (2)	\$/mfbm	\$ 1,363	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,351	\$ 1,358	\$ 1,312
Wholesale lumber shipments	mmfbm	10	4	7	17	9
Log shipments	000 m <sup>3</sup>	339	370	337	676	615
Domestic	000 m <sup>3</sup>	250	302	283	533	500
Export	000 m <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Pulp	000 m <sup>3</sup>	88	68	54	143	115
Net production (7)	000 m <sup>3</sup>	820	935	617	1,436	1,556
Saw log purchases	$000 \text{ m}^3$	172	167	129	301	359
Log price, average <sup>(8)</sup>	\$/m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 155	\$ 129	\$ 129	\$ 142	\$ 131
Illustrative Lumber Average Price Data (9)	Price Basis					
Grn WRC #2 Clear & Btr 4x6W RL (\$C)	cif dest N Euro	\$ 8,167	\$ 8,550	\$ 8,492	\$ 8,329	\$ 8,625
Grn WRC Deck Knotty 2x6 RL S4S	Net fob Mill	\$ 1,195	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,068	\$ 1,132	\$ 1,386
Grn WRC #2 & Btr AG 6x6 RL	Net fob Mill	\$ 3,318	\$ 3,315	\$ 3,315	\$ 3,316	\$ 3,315
Coast Gm WRC Std&Btr NH 3/4x4 RL S1S2E	Net fob Mill	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,469	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,537
Grn Hem Baby Squares Merch 4-1/8x4-1/8 13'	c&f dest Japan	\$ 975	\$ 1,165	\$ 975	\$ 975	\$ 1,193
Grn Dfir Baby Squares Merch 4-1/8x4-1/8 RL S4S	c&f dest Japan	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,253
Grn Dfir (Portland) #1&Btr 100% FOHC 6x6 Rough	Net fob Mill	\$ 1,567	\$ 1,985	\$ 1,714	\$ 1,641	\$ 1,989
Hemlock Lumber 2x4 (40x90) Metric RG Utility	cif dest Shanghai	\$ 417	\$ 425	\$ 385	\$ 401	\$ 418
Coast KD Hem-Fir #2 & Btr 2x4	Net fob Mill	\$ 446	\$ 405	\$ 461	\$ 454	\$ 402
Average exchange rate – CAD to USD (10)		0.731	0.745	0.742	0.736	0.742
Average exchange rate – CAD to JPY (10)		113.89	102.23	110.12	112.01	100.03

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in *Appendix A* is a table of selected results from the last eight quarters. Figures in the table may not equal, sum or recalculate to figures presented in the table or elsewhere due to rounding. Log data reflects British Columbia ("BC") business only.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes glue-laminated wood products.

<sup>(3)</sup> Forestry services and other include harvesting, roadbuilding, reforestation, planning and other services.

<sup>(4)</sup> Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to the *Non-GAAP Financial Measures* section of this document for more information on each non-GAAP financial measure.

<sup>(5) &</sup>quot;mmfbm" = millions of board feet; "mfbm" = thousands of board feet.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes wholesale lumber shipments.

<sup>(7)</sup> Net production is sorted log production, net of residuals and waste.

<sup>(8)</sup> The average realized log price per cubic metre has been presented on a gross basis, which may include fee-in-lieu and shipping charges incurred on behalf of customers to facilitate sales to export markets.

<sup>(9)</sup> Sourced from Random Lengths in USD/Mfbm except Hemlock Metric RG Utility that is sourced from the Forest Economic Advisors LLC China Bulletin.

<sup>(10)</sup> Canadian Dollar ("CAD"), United States Dollar ("USD"), Japanese yen ("JPY").

# **Summary of Second Quarter 2024 Results**

We reported Adjusted EBITDA of \$9.4 million in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to negative \$12.0 million in the same period last year. Results in the second quarter of 2024 reflect higher lumber shipments, higher log prices and stronger log sales mix, and lower stumpage and freight rates compared to the same period last year.

Net loss was \$5.7 million in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to a net loss of \$20.7 million in the same period last year. Operating loss prior to restructuring and other items was \$4.3 million in second quarter of 2024, as compared to a loss of \$25.1 million in the same period last year.

#### Sales

Lumber revenue was \$235.3 million in the second quarter of 2024 as compared to \$212.4 million in the same period last year, an increase of 11% was primarily due to higher lumber shipments. Our average realized lumber price decreased by 2% to \$1,363 per thousand board feet, as compared to \$1,392 per thousand board feet in the same period last year, primarily due to a slightly weaker mix of specialty lumber products.

Specialty lumber shipments represented 51% of total lumber shipment volumes in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to 54% in the same period last year. Cedar and Industrial lumber shipment volumes remained relatively unchanged. Japan lumber shipment volumes increased 29% compared to the same period last year due to a reduction in European supply to Japan. Commodity lumber shipments improved by 18% compared to the same period last year on slight improvements in China and the treating sector.

Log revenue was \$56.5 million in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to \$52.8 million in the same period last year. The increase of 7% was due to a stronger sales mix, led by demand for high value poles, and improvements in certain domestic log prices, partially offset by lower shipment volumes due to lower harvest levels. We continued to balance log inventory to market conditions and fibre requirements of our manufacturing facilities.

By-products revenue was \$12.4 million, as compared to \$9.4 million in the same period last year on higher chip sales prices and higher chip sales volumes.

Contract services and other revenue were \$5.3 million, as compared to \$1.4 million in the same period last year. The increase was due to growth in harvesting services provided to third parties.

## **Operations**

Lumber production was 151 million board feet in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to 148 million board feet in the same period last year. A higher specialty mix of production led to increased value-added processing volumes and related costs as compared to the second quarter of 2023.

We harvested 820,000 cubic metres of logs from our BC coastal operations in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to 935,000 cubic metres in the same period last year, due to ongoing permitting delays.

Timberlands harvest costs per cubic metre increased 3% compared to the same period last year, primarily due to higher contract logging rates, increased road building activity, and lower harvest volumes, partially offset by lower stumpage rates. Average stumpage per cubic metre in the second quarter of 2024 was 48% lower compared to the same period last year.

BC Coastal sawlog purchases were 172,000 cubic metres in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to 167,000 cubic metres in the same period last year. We managed sawlog purchases to match fibre requirements at our BC manufacturing facilities.

Freight expense was \$19.4 million in the second quarter of 2024 as compared to \$21.0 million in the same period last year. The decrease of 8% was due to lower rates for all modes of shipment, partially offset by proportionately higher export-destined lumber shipment volumes.

Adjusted EBITDA and operating income included \$6.3 million of countervailing duty ("CV") and antidumping duty ("AD") expense in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to \$6.2 million in the same period of 2023, with a lower export tax rate offset by higher Cedar US-destined lumber shipment volumes.

# Corporate and Other

Selling and administration expense was \$10.9 million in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to \$10.4 million in the same period due to higher compensation costs.

Restructuring costs of \$1.7 million in the second quarter of 2024 consisted of \$1.2 million in voluntary severance costs for Alberni Pacific Division ("APD") and other employees and \$0.5 million for a timber purchase contract provision, as compared to \$1.6 million in costs primarily related to retirement bridging costs for APD employees in the same period last year.

Other income was \$0.6 million in the second quarter of 2024 as compared to a loss of \$0.8 million in the same period last year, primarily resulting from revaluation of a higher export tax receivable. The closing US Dollar strengthened by 1% over the second quarter of 2024 as compared to a weakening of 2% over the comparable period of 2023.

Finance costs were \$1.6 million in the second quarter of 2024 as compared to \$0.5 million in the same period last year, resulting from interest expense on higher average borrowings and interest rates quarter over quarter.

## Income Taxes

Income tax recoveries were \$1.3 million on a net loss before tax of \$7.0 million for an effective tax rate of 19% in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to \$7.3 million on a net loss before tax of \$28.0 million for an effective tax rate of 26% in the same period last year. The rate differential results primarily from tax arising on the sale of a 34% interest in our La-kwa sa muqw Forestry Limited Partnership ("LFLP").

#### Net Loss

Net loss was \$5.7 million in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to a net loss of \$20.7 million for the same period last year. Despite improved results in the second quarter of 2024, we continue to be negatively impacted by ongoing challenging macroeconomic conditions.

# **Summary of Year to Date 2024 Results**

We reported Adjusted EBITDA of \$5.2 million for the first six months of 2024, as compared to negative \$17.1 million for the same period last year. Both periods reflect challenging macroeconomic conditions, with some improvement reflected in the second quarter of 2024. Results in the first six months of 2024 reflect a stronger product sales mix, higher log prices, and lower stumpage and freight rates compared to the same period last year.

Net loss was \$13.7 million for the first six months of 2024, as compared to a net loss of \$38.4 million for the same period last year. Operating loss prior to restructuring and other items was \$21.6 million in the first six months of 2024, as compared to a loss of \$43.2 million in the same period last year.

## Sales

Lumber revenue was \$412.9 million in the first six months of 2024 as compared to \$423.4 million in the same period last year. The decrease of 2% was due to lower lumber shipment volumes and lower prices for certain speciality lumber products, partially offset by a stronger sales mix. Our average realized lumber price increased by 4% to \$1,358 per thousand board feet in the first six months of 2024, as compared to \$1,312 per thousand board feet in the same period last year, primarily driven by a stronger sales mix.

Specialty lumber shipments represented 56% of total lumber shipment volumes in the first six months of 2024, as compared to 46% in the same period last year. Cedar and Industrial lumber shipment volumes remained relatively unchanged from the same period last year. Japan lumber shipment volumes increased 56% compared to the same period last year due to a reduction in European supply to Japan and a decline in domestic supply in Japan resulting from a fire-related curtailment at one of Japan's largest sawmills. Commodity lumber shipments declined by 22% compared to the same period last year, due to weaker market conditions.

Log revenue was \$101.6 million in the first six months of 2023, as compared to \$91.4 million in the same period last year. The increase of 11% was due to higher shipment volumes, a stronger sales mix, led by demand for high value poles, and improvements in certain domestic log prices. We continued to balance log inventory to market conditions and fibre requirements of our manufacturing facilities.

By-products revenue was \$22.9 million on higher chip volumes, as compared to \$22.7 million in the same period last year.

Contract services and other revenue were \$11.6 million in the first six months of 2024, as compared to \$2.3 million in the same period last year. The increase was due to growth in harvesting services provided to third parties.

# **Operations**

Lumber production was 296 million board feet for the first six months of 2024, as compared to 310 million board feet in the same period last year. Contributing to this reduction, period over period, was a shift in production from North American markets measured on a gross ("nominal") volume basis to export markets measured on a net volume basis. A higher specialty mix of production led to increased value-added processing volumes and costs as compared to the first six months of 2023.

We harvested 1.4 million cubic metres of logs from our BC coastal operations in the first six months of 2024, as compared to 1.6 million cubic metres harvested in the same period last year. The decline in harvest was due primarily to ongoing harvest permitting delays.

Timberlands harvest costs per cubic metre decreased 5% compared to the same period last year with lower stumpage rates partially offset by higher contract logging rates, increased road building activity, and lower harvest volumes. Average stumpage per cubic metre in the first six months of 2024 was 57% lower compared to the same period last year.

BC Coastal sawlog purchases were 301,000 cubic metres in the first six months of 2024, as compared to 359,000 cubic metres in the same period last year. We managed sawlog purchases to match fibre requirements at our BC manufacturing facilities.

Freight expense was \$35.4 million in the first six months of 2024 as compared to \$43.6 million in the same period last year. The decrease of 19% was due to lower container rates and lower lumber shipments, partially offset by proportionately higher export-destined lumber shipment volumes.

Adjusted EBITDA and operating loss included \$10.3 million of CV and AD expense in the first six months of 2024, as compared to \$10.9 million in the same period of 2023 with a lower export tax rate partially offset by higher Cedar US-destined lumber shipment volumes.

# Corporate and Other

Selling and administration expense was \$22.3 million in the first six months of 2024 as compared to \$22.4 million in the same period last year, with reduced incentive compensation resulting from declines in share price year-over-year offsetting increased employee compensation and other costs.

Restructuring costs of \$1.5 million in the first six months of 2024 consisted of \$1.0 million in voluntary severance costs for APD and other employees and \$0.5 million for a timber purchase contract provision, as compared to \$6.8 million in costs related to retirement bridging costs for APD employees in the same period last year.

Other income was \$2.4 million in the first six months of 2024 as compared to a loss of \$0.9 million in the same period last year, primarily resulting from revaluation of a higher export tax receivable. The closing US Dollar strengthened by 4% over the first six months of 2024 as compared to a weakening of 3% over the comparable period of 2023.

Finance costs were \$3.7 million in the first six months of 2024 as compared to \$0.7 million in the same period last year. Interest expense on higher average borrowings and interest rates were partially offset by increased interest revenue from the export tax receivable period over period.

#### Income Taxes

Income tax recovery was \$10.7 million on a net loss before tax of \$24.4 million for an effective tax rate of 44% in the first six months of 2024, as compared to \$13.2 million on income before tax of \$51.6 million for an effective tax rate of 26% in the same period last year. The rate differential results primarily from tax arising on the sale of a 34% interest in our LFLP.

#### Net Loss

Net loss was \$13.7 million in the first six months of 2024 as compared to a net loss of \$38.4 million for the same period of last year. Ongoing challenging macroeconomic conditions continue to negatively affect lumber demand and product pricing.

# **Chief Financial Officer Appointment**

The Company announced today that Glen Nontell has been appointed Chief Financial Officer effective August 1, 2024. Mr. Nontell joined the Company in 2018 and was most recently the Company's Vice President, Corporate Development, leading the corporate development, treasury and investor relations functions, as well as having a pivotal role in the execution of the Company's strategic priorities. Mr. Nontell is a seasoned corporate finance and capital markets professional with over 20 years of experience, including prior roles in investment banking with Scotiabank and in accounting with KPMG. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and CFA charterholder.

"Glen brings a proven track record of financial and strategic leadership, including in his prior positions with the Company, and strong financial acumen", said Steven Hofer, President and CEO of the Company, on behalf of himself and the Board of Directors of the Company. "His focus on execution and forward-thinking mindset will be invaluable as we navigate through near-term macroeconomic conditions and advance our strategic priorities in support of creating long-term shareholder value."

Mr. Nontell succeeds Stephen Williams who previously announced his intention to step down from his role as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer by the end of 2024. Mr. Williams will support a seamless transition process and will remain in the role of Executive Vice President until December 31, 2024 and be available thereafter until the end of 2026 in a limited advisory capacity.

# **Accelerating the Transition to Higher Value Products**

In support of the Company's key strategic priorities, including optimizing our business platform and growing our value-added, specialty and engineered wood products business, the Company continues to make progress on planning and investments to support accelerating the transition to higher value products.

# Saltair Continuous Dry Kiln

Our new kiln has moved through its start-up phase without issue and surpassed its operating uptime and production performance targets. The kiln has a capacity of approximately 70 million board feet and will support increased production of higher valued products while reducing energy consumption. In the second quarter of 2024, the kiln dried 14.5 million board feet of higher value products.

# Two New Continuous Dry Kilns

Two previously announced continuous dry kiln projects are in the pre-engineering and permitting phase. Each kiln will have a capacity of approximately 70 million board feet and are expected to be completed in 2025 at an estimated total cost of approximately \$35 million. As the projects are in their initial phase, costs expended to the end of the second quarter of 2024 total less than \$0.2 million.

# **Alberni Pacific Division**

On April 16, 2024, we announced the indefinite curtailment of our APD facility and the offer of voluntary severance to the remaining sixty APD employees. At June 30, 2024, approximately two thirds of employees had opted in, resulting in recognition of \$1.3 million in related severance costs in restructuring expense. Operations at the APD facility had been curtailed since fall 2022. The Company continues to explore other options for the property.

# **Indigenous Relationships**

We respect the treaty and Aboriginal rights of Indigenous groups, and we are committed to open dialogue and meaningful actions in support of reconciliation.

Western is actively investing time and resources to build and foster positive working relationships with Indigenous groups within whose traditional territories we operate, including through First Nation-led integrated resource management planning initiatives across five tree farm licence ("TFL") areas, and limited partnership opportunities with First Nations with shared governance and financial interests. We continue to make progress on these initiatives as follows.

## TFL 37 Forest Landscape Plan

May 14, 2024 marked the end of the two-month public commentary period for the draft TFL 37 Forest Landscape Plan ("TFL 37 FLP") and Forest Operations Plan ("TFL 37 FOP" and together with TFL 37 FLP, the "Plans") developed under the TFL 37 FLP Pilot Project, sponsored by 'Namgis First Nation, Western, and the Office of the Chief Forester within the Ministry of Forests ("Ministry"). A March 14, 2024, open house in Port McNeill, BC was well attended, with nearly 70 community members joining members of the project's technical team and steering committees, 'Namgis First Nation representatives, Western employees and provincial government staff. The Plans are being met with praise for providing certainty and stewardship of the project area, which includes the portion of 'Namgis First Nation's traditional territory in TFL 37. Once approved by the Ministry, the Plans will replace the existing Forest Stewardship Plan in guiding forest management activities for the area. The TFL 37 FLP is the first draft forest landscape plan in the Province to be brought forward for public review.

For additional details on our progress in building and fostering positive working relationships with Indigenous groups in 2023, please see "Indigenous Relationships" in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023.

# **Regulatory Environment**

Since 2020, the Province of BC ("the Province") has introduced various policy initiatives and regulatory changes that impact the BC forest sector, including: fibre recovery, lumber remanufacturing, old growth forest management and the exportation of logs. For additional details on these policy initiatives, regulatory changes and risks, please see "Regulatory Environment" and "Risks and Uncertainties" in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023.

On May 11, 2023, the British Columbia Supreme Court ("BCSC") released its decision that Nuchatlaht First Nation ("Nuchatlaht") had not proved its claim for Aboriginal title to a claim area that encompassed approximately 201 square kilometres of the northern six months of Nootka Island (the "Claim Area"). In doing so, the BCSC left open the possibility of Nuchatlaht establishing Aboriginal title to various specific sites within the Claim Area through the current action. On April 17, 2024, the BCSC released its further decision that Nuchatlaht had proved its claim for Aboriginal title to certain specific sites within the Claim Area, but delayed making a formal declaration of Aboriginal title or that the Forest Act no longer applies to such specific sites. Given a formal declaration has not been made and that it is not known whether Nuchatlaht will appeal the BCSC's decision, accordingly, the potential impact of the Nuchatlaht decision on Western's tenure holdings is not ascertainable at this time.

For additional details on policy requirements and regulatory aspects in relation to First Nations see "Land Claims by Indigenous Groups" and "Regulatory Risks" under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023.

For additional details on old growth logging deferrals and First Nations governments approach to such deferrals, please see the "Old Growth Logging Deferrals" heading in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023.

# TFL 19

We expect the Chief Forester to determine a new annual allowable cut ("AAC") for TFL 19 in 2024. While we cannot predict the outcome of the determination, the Management Plan for TFL 19 that we submitted in 2020, recommended an 18% lower AAC (approximately 130,000 cubic metres), consistent with the timber supply forecasts from previous Management Plans. Since the draft Management Plan was submitted, a number of policy and landbase changes have come into effect, including the declaration of a new protected area within TFL 19, referred to as "Salmon Parks", by the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation. The Company is unable to determine the potential impact of these changes on the AAC for TFL 19 or the Company's business at this time.

# North Island Timber Supply Area

In June 2024, the Chief Forester determined a new AAC for the North Island Timber Supply Area ("TSA"), reducing it by 12.2% (1,096,000 m³) from the previous AAC of 1,248,100 m³. Western holds Forest Licence A19231 and A94737 (the "Forest Licences") in the North Island Timber Supply Area, which have a current AAC of 303,283 m³, and 5,443 m³, respectively. The Company expects the AAC of the Forest Licences to be reduced proportionally; however the Province has not yet made a decision on the apportionment of the AAC reduction for each timber tenure in the TSA and thus the Company is not yet able to determine the potential impact of these changes on the AAC for the Forest Licences or the Company's business at this time.

## **Labour Relations**

The Company's collective agreement with the United Steelworkers ("USW"), which represents the majority of the Company Canadian unionized employees, expired on June 14, 2024 (the "Prior Collective Agreement"). The Company and USW are actively engaged in bargaining for a new collective agreement to replace the Prior Collective Agreement. The Prior Collective Agreement continues to apply until a new agreement is finalized or a labour dispute occurs.

# Financial Position and Liquidity (1)

(millions of Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted)

Selected Cash Flow Items	Q2 2024	Q2 2023	Q1 2024	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Operating activities					
Net loss	\$ (5.7)	\$ (20.7)	\$ (8.0)	\$ (13.7)	\$ (38.4)
Amortization	13.6	13.2	13.2	26.8	26.3
Gain on disposal of property, equipment and other assets	-	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.1)
Income tax recovery	(1.3)	(7.3)	(9.4)	(10.7)	(13.2)
Income taxes receipts (payments)	-	15.2	(0.1)	(0.1)	15.1
Share-based compensation	(0.3)	0.1	0.3	-	0.7
Finance costs	1.6	0.5	2.1	3.7	0.7
Other	(2.5)	(2.3)	(1.9)	(4.4)	(2.4)
	5.4	(1.5)	(4.0)	1.4	(11.3)
Change in non-cash working capital	7.4	8.5	(24.0)	(16.6)	(7.6)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	12.8	7.0	(28.0)	(15.2)	(18.9)
Investing activities					
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(6.0)	(9.2)	(3.4)	(9.4)	(14.2)
Additions to capital logging roads	(2.5)	(2.4)	(1.4)	(3.9)	(4.9)
Proceeds on disposal of property, equipment and other	0.1	1.9	8.0	0.9	2.1
Advances and loans receipts (issued)	-	(0.2)	0.1	0.1	(1.3)
Net proceeds from disposition of minority interest in subsidiary	(0.8)	-	35.9	35.1	
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(9.2)	(9.9)	32.0	22.8	(18.3)
Financing activities					
Net drawings on credit facility	2.2	11.0	1.7	3.9	37.0
Bank indebtedness (repayments)	-	-	(0.4)	(0.4)	1.0
Interest payments	(1.7)	(0.9)	(2.7)	(4.4)	(1.1)
Lease payments	(2.3)	(2.5)	(2.4)	(4.7)	(4.4)
Dividends		(3.9)	-	-	(7.9)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1.8)	3.8	(3.8)	(5.6)	24.6
Increase (decrease) in cash	\$ 1.8	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.2	\$ 2.0	\$ (12.6)
Summary of Financial Position					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4.3	\$ 3.2	\$ 2.5		
Current assets	350.8	336.5	347.9		
Current liabilities	117.9	127.7	110.8		
Bank indebtedness	0.5	1.0	0.5		
Long-term debt	87.8	37.0	85.6		
Net debt (2)	84.0	34.8	83.6		
Equity, excluding non-controlling interest	574.5	599.5	578.3		
Total liquidity (3)(6)	141.5	195.5	142.1		
Financial ratios					
Current assets to current liabilities (4)	2.98	2.64	3.14		
Net debt to capitalization (5)(6)	13%	5%	13%		

- (1) Figures in the table above may not equal or sum to figures presented in the table and elsewhere due to rounding.
- (2) Net debt is defined as the sum of long-term debt and bank indebtedness, less cash and cash equivalents.
- (3) Total liquidity comprises cash and cash equivalents, and available credit under the Company's credit facility.
- (4) Current assets to current liabilities is a supplementary measure and defined as current assets divided by current liabilities.
  - Capitalization comprises net debt and shareholders' equity.
- (6) Total liquidity and net debt to capitalization are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to the "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this document for more information on each non-GAAP financial measure.

Cash provided by operating activities was \$12.8 million in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to \$7.0 million, which included \$15.2 million in income tax refund receipts, in the same period last year. We received an income tax refund of approximately \$23 million after the end of the second quarter of 2024.

Cash used in investing activities was \$9.2 million in the second quarter of 2024, comparable to \$9.9 million used in the same period last year. We continue to manage capital spending given macroeconomic conditions.

Cash used in financing activities was \$1.8 million in the second quarter of 2024, as compared to cash provided of \$3.8 million in the same period last year.

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

Total liquidity was \$141.5 million at June 30, 2024, as compared to \$147.8 million at December 31, 2023 and \$195.5 million at June 30, 2023. Liquidity is comprised of cash and cash equivalents of \$4.3 million, and unused availability under the Company's credit facility of \$137.7 million, less \$0.5 million of bank indebtedness.

On July 26, 2024, the Company's syndicated credit facility (the "Credit Facility") was amended, with the maturity date extended to July 21, 2026 from July 21, 2025. The Credit Facility provides for a maximum borrowing amount of \$250 million, with advances in excess of \$215 million subject to a leverage metric. The Credit Facility is subject to certain financial covenants, including a maximum debt to total capitalization ratio, and in limited circumstances a reduction to the maximum facility size related to certain material dispositions. A copy of the Credit Facility agreement will be filed under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>.

Based on our current forecasts, including tax refunds of approximately \$23 million received in July 2024, we expect sufficient liquidity will be available to meet any commitments as well as our other obligations through the next twelve months. The Company was in compliance with its financial covenants as at June 30, 2024.

# **Capital Allocation**

# Quarterly Dividend

The Company suspended its quarterly dividend payments in the fourth quarter of 2023. Thus, no dividends were paid during the first six months of 2024, as compared to \$3.9 million and \$7.9 million paid in the three and six months ending June 30, 2023, respectively.

# Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB")

No shares were purchased under our NCIB in the first six months of 2024 or in 2023. The Company's current NCIB will expire on August 10, 2024, and the Company does not intend to renew the NCIB at this time.

## Capital Expenditures

We currently anticipate approximately \$40 million in capital expenditure spending in 2024. We expect the majority of the \$35 million for the two new continuous dry kilns and related infrastructure to be incurred in 2025.

## **Market Outlook**

Demand and prices for Cedar timber and premium appearance products are expected to remain stable. Demand and prices for Cedar decking and timber products have firmed up, while Cedar trim products are expected to remain soft for the balance of the year.

In Japan, weakness in wooden home starts, well stocked inventories and a weaker Japanese yen to USD exchange rate are anticipated to impact lumber demand and prices in the near-term.

Demand for our Industrial lumber products is generally expected to remain stable. For Commodity lumber, North American demand and prices are expected to remain volatile, while in China, near-term lumber demand and prices are expected to be seasonally weaker.

We expect sawlog markets to follow conditions in the lumber markets, while residual chip pricing is expected to follow movement in the price of northern bleached softwood kraft to China.

# Softwood Lumber Dispute

The US application of duties continues a long-standing pattern of US protectionist action against Canadian lumber producers. For a comprehensive history of the softwood lumber trade dispute and related North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") challenge proceedings, please see "*Risks and Uncertainties – Softwood Lumber Dispute*" in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023.

In the first six months of 2024, Western expensed \$10.3 million of export duties at a combined duty rate of 8.05% on its lumber shipments into the US, as compared to \$10.9 million at a combined rate of 8.59% for the same period last year.

As at June 30, 2024, Western had \$236.1 million (USD \$172.6 million) of cash on deposit with the US Department of Treasury in respect of softwood lumber duties, of which \$63.7 million (USD \$46.6 million) is recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of financial position arising from final rate determinations for Canadian shipments made to the US in 2017 through 2021.

Including wholesale lumber shipments, our sales from Canadian operations to the US market represented approximately 25% and 26% of our total lumber shipments for the first six months of 2024 and 2023, respectively.

On January 17, 2024, the Government of Canada filed a notice of intent to challenge the US International Trade Commission ("USITC") decision to maintain duties on Canadian softwood lumber products, under Chapter 10 of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement.

On February 1, 2024, the Department of Commerce ("DoC") released its preliminary determination for CV and AD rates resulting from its fifth administrative review ("AR") of CV and AD rates for shipments in 2022, indicating a combined rate of 13.86%. The DoC may revise these rates between the preliminary and the final determination, which is expected to be released in the third quarter of 2024. Cash deposits continue at the combined duty rate of 8.05% until the final determinations are published, after which the 2022 rate will apply. For a summary of cash deposit, preliminary and final CV and AD rates applicable to lumber shipment dates, please see "Risks and Uncertainties – Softwood Lumber Dispute" in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023.

On March 5, 2024, the DoC initiated its sixth AR of CV and AD for shipments in 2023, with a completion deadline of January 31, 2025.

The final amount and effective date of CV and AD duties that may be assessed on Canadian softwood lumber exports to the US cannot be determined at this time and will depend on decisions yet to be made by any reviewing courts or panels to which the DoC and ITC determinations may be appealed.

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Reference is made in this MD&A to the following non-GAAP measures: Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA margin, Net debt to capitalization and total Liquidity are used as benchmark measurements of our operating results and as benchmarks relative to our competitors. These non-GAAP measures are commonly used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate our financial performance. These non-GAAP measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. The following table provides a reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to figures as reported in our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements:

(millions of Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted)

Adjusted EBITDA	Q2 2024	Q2 2023	Q1 2024	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Net loss	\$ (5.7)	\$ (20.7)	\$ (8.0)	\$ (13.7)	\$ (38.4)
Add:					
Amortization	13.6	13.2	13.2	26.8	26.3
Changes in fair value of biological assets	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	(0.1)	(0.1)
Operating restructuring items	1.7	1.6	(0.2)	1.5	6.8
Other (income) expense	(0.6)	0.8	(1.8)	(2.4)	0.9
Finance costs	1.6	0.5	2.1	3.7	0.7
Income tax recovery	(1.3)	(7.3)	(9.4)	(10.7)	(13.2)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 9.4	\$ (12.0)	\$ (4.2)	\$ 5.2	\$ (17.1)
Adjusted EBITDA margin					
Total revenue	\$ 309.5	\$ 276.0	\$ 239.5	\$ 549.0	\$ 539.8
Adjusted EBITDA	9.4	(12.0)	(4.2)	5.2	(17.1)
Adjusted EBITDA margin	3%	(4%)	(2%)	1%	(3%)
Net debt to capitalization	Jun. 30 2024	Jun. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2024		
Net debt					
Total debt	\$ 87.8	\$ 37.0	\$ 85.6		
Bank indebtedness	0.5	1.0	0.5		
Cash and cash equivalents	(4.3)	(3.2)	(2.5)		
	\$ 84.0	\$ 34.8	\$ 83.6		
Capitalization					
Net debt	\$ 84.0	\$ 34.8	\$ 83.6		
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	574.5	599.5	578.3		
	\$ 658.5	\$ 634.3	\$ 661.9		
Net debt to capitalization	13%	5%	13%		
Total liquidity	Jun. 30 2024	Jun. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2024		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4.3	\$ 3.2	\$ 2.5		
Available credit facility (1)	250.0	250.0	250.0		
Bank indebtedness	(0.5)	(1.0)	(0.5)		
Credit facility drawings	(87.9)	(37.0)	(85.7)		
Outstanding letters of credit	(24.4)	(19.7)	(24.2)		
	\$ 141.5	\$ 195.5	\$ 142.1		

Figures in the table above may not equal or sum to figures presented elsewhere due to rounding.

# **Accounting Policies and Standards**

Several new standards, and amendments to existing standards and interpretations, were not yet effective as at June 30, 2024, and have not been applied in preparing the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements. None of these standards are currently considered by the Company to be significant or likely to have a material impact on future financial statements.

<sup>(1)</sup> Maximum borrowing amount, with advances in excess of \$215 million subject to a leverage metric.

# **Critical Accounting Estimates**

For a review of significant management judgements affecting financial results and critical accounting estimates, please see our 2023 Annual Report, which can be found on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. There were no changes to critical accounting estimates during the six months ended June 30, 2024.

## **Financial Instruments and Other Instruments**

We use various financial instruments to reduce the impact of movement in foreign exchange rates on our net result. Please see our Management Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023 for a further discussion on our use of financial instruments. There were no changes to our use of financial instruments during the six months ended June 30, 2024.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has off-balance sheet arrangements which include letters of credit and surety performance and payment bonds, primarily for timber purchases and CV and AD duty deposits. At June 30, 2024, surety performance and payment bonds aggregated \$46.5 million (December 31, 2023: \$49.7 million), of which \$23.2 million (December 31, 2023: \$18.6 million) are secured by letters of credit. Off-balance sheet arrangements have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, any material impact on the Company's current or future financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

# **Related Party Transactions**

Other than transactions in the normal course of business with the Board of Directors and key management personnel, the Company had no transactions between related parties in the three and six months ended June 30. 2024.

# **Risks and Uncertainties**

The business of the Company is subject to several risks and uncertainties, including those described in the 2023 Annual Report which can be found on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Any of the risks and uncertainties described in the above-noted document could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial condition and cash flows and, accordingly, should be carefully considered in evaluating Western's business. Except as set forth in this MD&A and the notes to our condensed consolidated interim financial statements, there were no additional risks and uncertainties identified during the six months ended June 30, 2024.

# Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") during the three months ended June 30, 2024, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its ICFR.

# **Outstanding Share Data**

As of July 31, 2024, there were 316,745,557 common shares of the Company issued and outstanding.

We have reserved 30,000,000 of our Shares for issuance upon the exercise of options granted under our incentive stock option plan. During the six months ended June 30, 2024, no options were granted, no options previously granted were exercised, 948,000 options expired and no options were forfeited. As of July 31, 2024, 10,538,679 stock options were outstanding under our incentive stock option plan.

## Additional Information

Additional information relating to the Company and its operations, including the Company's Annual Information Form, can be found on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

# Management's Discussion and Analysis - Appendix A

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# Summary of Selected Results for the Last Eight Quarters

(millions of Canadian dollars except per share amounts and where noted)

		20	24 2023			20	022		
		Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3
Average exchange rate CAD Average exchange rate		1.368	1.348	1.361	1.341	1.343	1.352	1.358	1.305
USD Financial performance	67 IS 10	0.731	0.742	0.734	0.746	0.745	0.740	0.737	0.766
Revenue									
Lumber		\$ 235.3	\$ 177.6	\$ 178.3	\$ 179.9	\$ 212.4	\$ 211.0	\$ 219.7	\$ 267.1
Logs		56.5	45.1	51.1	38.4	52.8	38.6	54.9	72.5
By-products		12.4	10.5	9.9	7.2	9.4	13.3	12.4	15.2
Forestry services and	dother	5.3	6.3	7.3	5.6	1.4	0.9	4.0	1.2
Total revenue		\$ 309.5	\$ 239.5	\$ 246.6	\$ 231.1	\$ 276.0	\$ 263.8	\$ 291.0	\$ 356.0
Adjusted EBITDA Adjusted EBITDA marg	in	\$ 9.4 3%	\$ (4.2) (2%)	\$ (1.2) (0%)	\$ (11.6) (5%)	\$ (12.0) (4%)	\$ (5.0) (2%)	\$ (11.9) (4%)	\$ 17.3 5%
Net income (loss) Earnings (loss) per sha	re	\$ (5.7)	\$ (8.0)	\$ (14.3)	\$ (17.4)	\$ (20.7)	\$ (17.7)	\$ (21.4)	\$ 6.6
Basic and diluted		\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.02
Operating statistics									
Lumber (1)(2)									
Production	Mmfbm	151	145	125	126	148	162	139	169
Shipments	Mmfbm	173	131	136	130	153	170	155	179
Price	\$/mfbm	\$1,363	\$1,351	\$1,313	\$1,388	\$1,392	\$1,241	\$1,420	\$1,495
Logs (3)	3	000	0.47	740	070	005	004	050	000
Net production	000 m <sup>3</sup>	820	617	718	678	935	621	658	800
Saw log purchases	000 m <sup>3</sup>	172	129	200	116	167	192	173	302
Log availability	000 m <sup>3</sup> 000 m <sup>3</sup>	992 339	746 337	918	794 324	1,102 370	813	831 367	1,102 404
Shipments Price <sup>(4)</sup>	\$/m <sup>3</sup>	\$ 155	\$ 129	446 \$ 112	324 \$ 118	\$ 129	245 \$ 135	\$ 142	\$ 172
Share Repurchases as Dividends	* .	ψ 133	Ψ 129	Ψ 112	ψ 110	ψ 129	ψ 133	ψ 142	Ψ 172
Shares repurchased	# millions	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	6.5
Shares repurchased	\$ millions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.0	\$ 10.0
Dividends paid	\$ millions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.0	\$ 3.9	\$ 4.0	\$ 3.9	\$ 4.1
Non-GAAP Financial I	Measures								
Net income (loss) Add:		\$ (5.7)	\$ (8.0)	\$ (14.3)	\$ (17.4)	\$ (20.7)	\$ (17.7)	\$ (21.4)	\$ 6.6
Amortization Changes in fair value	of biological	13.6	13.2	13.3	14.1	13.2	13.1	12.0	12.7
assets		(0.1)	(0.0)	-	- (0.0)	(0.1)	-	(0.2)	(0.2)
Operating restructuring	•	1.7	(0.2)	0.9	(0.2)	1.6	5.2	3.9	(0.2)
Other expense (incor		(0.6)	(1.8)	2.5	(2.2)	0.8	0.1	2.0	(4.0)
Finance costs (incom Income tax expense (		1.6 (1.3)	2.1 (9.4)	1.8 (5.3)	0.5 (6.5)	0.5 (7.3)	0.2 (5.9)	(0.1) (8.0)	(0.7) 3.0
Adjusted EBITDA	(1600very)	\$ 9.4	\$ (4.2)	\$ (1.2)	\$ (11.6)	\$ (12.0)	\$ (5.0)	\$ (11.9)	\$ 17.3
Divided by total revenue	3	309.5	239.5	246.6	231.1	276.0	263.8	291.0	356.0
Adjusted EBITDA mar		309.5	239.5 (2%)	(0%)		(4%)	(2%)	(4%)	5%
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<sup>(1) &</sup>quot;mmfbm" = millions of board feet; "mfbm" = thousands of board feet.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes glulaminated wood products.

<sup>(3)</sup> Coastal BC business only. Net production is sorted log production, net of residuals and waste. Log availability is net production plus saw log purchases.

(4) The average realized log price per cubic metre has been presented on a gross basis, which may include fee-in-lieu and

shipping charges incurred on behalf of customers to facilitate sales to export markets.

In a normal operating year there is seasonality to the Company's operations with higher lumber sales in the second and third quarters when construction and renovation and repair activity, particularly in the US, has historically tended to be higher. Log production is greater in that same period as longer daylight permits more hours of operations. Logging activity may also vary depending on weather conditions such as rain, snow and ice in the winter and the threat of forest fire in the summer. This seasonality generally results in the Company increasing working capital utilization through its third quarter as it builds log inventory during optimal harvest conditions and builds lumber inventory in advance of seasonally high lumber demand.

The Company's quarterly financial trends are most impacted by typical industry-wide seasonality, levels of lumber production, log costs, market prices for lumber, labour disputes, the USD/CAD exchange rate, long term asset impairments and restructuring charges, and disposals of non-core properties.

# Western Forest Products Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(Expressed in millions of Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4.3	\$ 2.3
Trade and other receivables	79.7	50.9
Inventory (Note 5)	199.8	213.5
Prepaid expenses and other assets	33.1	33.9
Assets held for sale (Note 6)	10.5	10.8
Income taxes receivable	23.4	23.5
	350.8	334.9
Non-current assets:		
Property, plant and equipment (Note 7)	348.3	354.4
Timber licenses	90.3	92.3
Biological assets (Note 8)	49.4	49.3
Other assets (Note 9)	81.3	77.4
Goodwill	7.1	6.9
Deferred income tax assets	0.2	0.2
	\$ 927.4	\$ 915.4
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.9
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	99.8	102.8
Liabilities directly associated with assets held for sale (Note 6)	0.7	0.3
Income taxes payable	0.1	0.2
Lease liabilities	7.4	6.9
Reforestation obligation (Note 11)	7.4	7.9
Deferred revenue (Notes 17, 22(c))	2.0	2.0
Bololiou foroliuc	117.9	121.0
Non-current liabilities:	117.0	121.0
Long-term debt (Note 10)	87.8	83.8
Lease liabilities	12.1	13.0
Reforestation obligation (Note 11)	14.3	14.2
Other liabilities (Note 13)	11.4	11.4
Deferred revenue (Notes 17, 22(c))	41.5	42.5
Deferred income tax liabilities	57.5	61.6
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Equity:	0.12.0	011.0
Share capital (Note 14)	405.4	405.4
Contributed surplus	8.8	8.8
Translation reserve	4.3	1.9
Retained earnings	156.0	148.9
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	574.5	565.0
Non-controlling interest (Note 15)	10.4	2.9
Non-conditioning interest	584.9	567.9
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	\$ 927.4	\$ 915.4

Commitments and contingencies (Note 22) Subsequent event (Note 10)

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board:

"Daniel Nocente" Chair "Steven Hofer"
President & Chief Executive Officer

# **Western Forest Products Inc.** Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss (Expressed in millions of Canadian dollars except for share and per share amounts) (unaudited)

		Three moi	nths e e 30,	nded		Six mont	hs er e 30,	ded
		2024		2023		2024		2023
Revenue (Note 17)	\$	309.5	\$	276.0	\$	549.0	\$	539.8
Costs and expenses:								
Cost of goods sold		277.2		263.5		502.6		506.1
Freight		19.4		21.0		35.4		43.6
Export tax (Note 22(a))		6.3		6.2		10.3		10.9
Selling and administration		10.9	-	10.4		22.3		22.4
		313.8		301.1		570.6		583.0
Operating loss prior to restructuring and other items		(4.3)		(25.1)		(21.6)		(43.2)
Operating restructuring items (Note 18)		(1.7)		(1.6)		(1.5)		(6.8)
Other income (loss) (Note 19)		0.6		(0.8)		2.4		(0.9)
Operating loss		(5.4)		(27.5)		(20.7)		(50.9)
Finance costs		(1.6)		(0.5)		(3.7)		(0.7)
Loss before income taxes		(7.0)		(28.0)		(24.4)		(51.6)
Income tax expense (recovery) (Note 20)								
Current		-		(6.2)		0.1		(8.2)
Deferred		(1.3)		(1.1)		(10.8)		(5.0)
		(1.3)		(7.3)		(10.7)		(13.2)
Net loss		(5.7)		(20.7)		(13.7)		(38.4)
Net loss attributable to equity shareholders of the								
Company		(4.2)		(21.0)		(11.9)		(38.0)
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest		(1.5)		0.3		(1.8)		(0.4)
		(5.7)		(20.7)		(13.7)		(38.4)
Other comprehensive income (loss)								
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		(0.4)		(0.4)		(0.0)		0.0
Employee future benefits actuarial gain (loss) Income tax recovery (expense) (Note 20)		(0.1)		(0.4)		(0.3)		0.2
		(0.1)	-	(0.3)		(0.2)		(0.1) 0.1
Total items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		(0.1)		(0.3)		(0.2)	_	0.1
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:								
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations		0.7		(1.6)		2.4		(1.8)
Total comprehensive loss	\$	(5.1)	\$	(22.6)	\$	(11.5)	\$	(40.1)
Loss per share (in dollars) (Note 21)	•	(0.04)	•	(0.03)	•	(0.04)	•	(0.40)
Basic and diluted	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.07)	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.12)

# **Western Forest Products Inc.** Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Expressed in millions of Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

		Share capital		ntributed urplus		nslation eserve		etained arnings	con	lon- trolling erest	To	tal equity
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$	405.4	\$	9.1	\$	3.6	\$	229.1	\$	4.5	\$	651.7
Net loss	•	-	·	-	·	-	·	(38.0)	,	(0.4)	·	(38.4)
Other comprehensive income (loss):								, ,		, ,		,
Employee future benefits actuarial gain		-		-		-		0.2		-		0.2
Income tax expense on actuarial gain (Note 20)		-		-		-		(0.1)		-		(0.1)
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations		-		-		(1.8)		-		-		(1.8)
Total comprehensive loss		-		-		(1.8)		(37.9)		(0.4)		(40.1)
Stock options recognized in equity (Note 16(a))		-		(0.1)		-		-		-		(0.1)
Exercise of stock options (Notes 14, 16(a))		-		(0.4)		-		0.4		-		-
Dividends		-		-		-		(7.9)		-		(7.9)
Total transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity		-		(0.5)		-		(7.5)		-		(8.0)
Balance at June 30, 2023	\$	405.4	\$	8.6	\$	1.8	\$	183.7	\$	4.1	\$	603.6
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$	405.4	\$	8.8	\$	1.9	\$	148.9	\$	2.9	\$	567.9
Net loss Other comprehensive income (loss):		-		-		-		(11.9)		(1.8)		(13.7)
Employee future benefits actuarial loss		_		_		_		(0.3)		_		(0.3)
Income tax recovery on actuarial loss (Note 20)		-		_		-		0.1		_		0.1
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations		-		_		2.4		-		-		2.4
Total comprehensive income (loss)		-		-		2.4		(12.1)		(1.8)		(11.5)
Non-controlling interest (Note 15)		-		-		-		19.2		9.3		28.5
Total transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity				-		-		19.2		9.3		28.5
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$	405.4	\$	8.8	\$	4.3	\$	156.0	\$	10.4	\$	584.9

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# **Western Forest Products Inc.** Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Expressed in millions of Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

		Three mo	nths ei e 30,	nded		Six mont	hs ende 30,	ded
		2024	C 00,	2023		2024	<del> </del>	2023
Cash provided by (used in):								
Operating activities:								
Net loss	\$	(5.7)	\$	(20.7)	\$	(13.7)	\$	(38.4)
Items not involving cash:	·	(- /	,	( - )	·	( - )	·	( /
Amortization of property, plant and equipment (Note 7)		12.6		12.2		24.8		24.3
Amortization of timber licenses		1.0		1.0		2.0		2.0
Gain on disposal of property, plant, and								
equipment (Note 7)		-		(0.2)		(0.2)		(0.1)
Amortization of deferred revenue (Note 17)		(0.5)		(0.5)		(1.0)		(1.0)
Finance costs		1.6		0.5		3.7		0.7
Income tax recovery (Note 20)		(1.3)		(7.3)		(10.7)		(13.2)
Change in fair value of biological assets (Note 8)		(0.1)		(0.1)		(0.1)		(0.2)
Change in reforestation obligation (Note 11)		(1.4)		(0.9)		(0.7)		(0.5)
Share-based compensation, including mark-to-market								
adjustment (Note 16)		(0.3)		0.1		-		0.7
Change in employee future benefits obligation (Note 12)		(0.3)		(0.2)		(0.5)		(0.5)
Foreign exchange and other		(0.2)		(0.6)		(2.1)		(0.2)
Income taxes received (paid)		-		15.2		(0.1)		15.1
		5.4		(1.5)		1.4		(11.3)
Changes in non-cash working capital items:								
Trade and other receivables		(16.3)		(2.0)		(28.9)		(3.3)
Inventory		10.8		(1.0)		13.8		(4.3)
Prepaid expenses and other assets		4.1		4.7		1.0		1.4
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		8.8		6.8		(2.5)		(1.4)
		7.4		8.5		(16.6)		(7.6)
		12.8		7.0		(15.2)		(18.9)
Investing activities:								
Additions to property, plant and equipment (Note 7)		(8.5)		(11.6)		(13.3)		(19.1)
Proceeds of property, equipment and other disposals		0.1		1.9		0.9		2.1
Advances and loans receipts (issued)		-		(0.2)		0.1		(1.3)
Net proceeds on disposition of minority interest in								
subsidiary (Note 15)		(8.0)		-		35.1		
		(9.2)		(9.9)		22.8		(18.3)
Financing activities:								
Net drawings on credit facility (Note 10)		2.2		11.0		3.9		37.0
Bank indebtedness (repayments)		-		<del>-</del>		(0.4)		1.0
Equipment loan proceeds		-		0.1		<del>-</del>		0.1
Interest payments		(1.7)		(0.9)		(4.4)		(1.2)
Lease payments		(2.3)		(2.5)		(4.7)		(4.4)
Dividends		-		(3.9)		-		(7.9)
		(1.8)		3.8		(5.6)		24.6
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1.8		0.9		2.0		(12.6)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		2.5		2.3		2.3		15.8
Cash and cash equivalents, June 30	\$	4.3	\$	3.2	\$	4.3	\$	3.2

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

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#### 1. Reporting entity

Western Forest Products Inc. ("Western" or the "Company") is an integrated softwood forest products company, incorporated and domiciled in Canada, operating in the coastal region of British Columbia ("BC") and Washington State, United States ("US"). The address of the Company's head office is Suite 800 – 1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements ("interim financial statements") as at and for the three and six months ended June, 2024 and 2023 comprise the financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company's primary business is the sale of lumber and logs, which includes timber harvesting, sawmilling logs into specialty lumber, value-added lumber and glulam remanufacturing, and wholesaling purchased lumber. The Company is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"), under the symbol WEF.

# 2. Basis of preparation

## (a) Statement of compliance

These interim financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*. These interim financial statements do not include all of the disclosures required by IFRS for annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, available at <a href="https://www.westernforest.com">www.westernforest.com</a> or <a href="https://www.westernforest.com">www.sedarplus.ca</a>. References to the three and six months ended June 30 may be referred to as Q2 and YTD, respectively. Certain comparative prior year figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

The interim financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on July 31, 2024.

## (b) Basis of measurement

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following material items in the interim statements of financial position:

- Biological assets are measured at fair value less costs to sell;
- Liabilities for cash-settled share-based payment transactions are measured at fair value at each reporting date;
- Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value at each reporting date;
- The defined benefit pension liability is recognized as the net of the fair value of the plan assets, less the present value of the defined benefit obligation: and
- Reforestation obligations and lease liabilities are measured at the discounted value of expected future cash flows.

## (c) Functional and presentation currency

These interim financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars ("CAD") which is the Company's functional currency. Certain of the Company's subsidiaries have a functional currency of the US Dollar ("USD") and are translated to CAD. All amounts are presented in millions of CAD, unless otherwise indicated.

# 3. Change in accounting policy

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied by the Company in these interim financial statements are the same as those applied by the Company in its annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Company has adopted *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current* and *Non-current Liabilities with Covenants – Amendments to IAS 1*, as issued in 2020 and 2022. The amendments apply retrospectively for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. They clarify certain requirements for determining whether a liability should be classified as current or non-current and require new disclosures for non-current liabilities that are subject to covenants within twelve months after the reporting period. Adoption of these changes in accounting policy and amendments had no impact on the Company's interim financial statements.

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#### 4. Seasonality of operations

In a normal operating year, there is some seasonality to the Company's operations, with higher lumber sales in the second and third quarters when construction activity in certain key markets has historically tended to be higher. Logging activity may also vary depending on weather conditions such as rain, snow and ice in the winter and the threat of forest fires in the summer.

#### 5. Inventory

		June 30, 2024						De	ecem	ber 31, 20	)23	Lower of cost and net realizable value	
	C	Gross arrying value	Pro	ovisions	re	ower of ost and net alizable value	С	Gross carrying value Provisions			cost and net realizable		
Logs	\$	122.2	\$	(17.5)	\$	104.7	\$	146.6	\$	(20.8)	\$	125.8	
Lumber		91.4		(17.3)		74.1		86.1		(18.5)		67.6	
Supplies and other		21.0				21.0		20.1		-		20.1	
	\$	234.6	\$	(34.8)	\$	199.8	\$	252.8	\$	(39.3)	\$	213.5	

The carrying amount of inventory recorded at net realizable value was \$78.2 million at June 30, 2024 (December 31, 2023: \$89.3 million), with the remaining inventory recorded at cost.

For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2024, \$277.2 million and \$502.6 million (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: \$263.5 million and \$506.1 million, respectively) of inventory was charged to cost of goods sold. This includes a decrease in the provision for write-down to net realizable value of \$5.3 million and \$4.5 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: increase of \$8.5 million and a decrease of \$1.5 million, respectively).

#### 6. Assets held for sale

Management intends to sell certain manufacturing assets at its Alberni Pacific Division ("APD"). Accordingly, these assets are presented as assets held for sale. Fair value, less costs to sell, is expected to exceed the carrying amount. Once classified as held for sale, plant and equipment are no longer amortized.

In February, 2024, the Company sold a parcel of land previously classified as held for sale and recognized a gain of \$0.4 million recorded in other income (loss).

As at June 30, 2024, the assets held for sale comprised the following assets and liabilities:

	ne 30, 2024	2023	
Supplies and other	\$ 2.5	\$ 2.5	
Property, plant and equipment	 8.0	 8.3	
Assets held for sale	\$ 10.5	\$ 10.8	
Lease and other liabilities directly associated with assets held for sale	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.3	

On April 16, 2024, the Company announced the indefinite curtailment of its APD site and its intent to offer voluntary severance to the remaining sixty employees, estimated to total \$2.8 million. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company recorded related severance of \$1.3 million in operating restructuring items.

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# 7. Property, plant and equipment

		Б.							Total,	Б.		
	Land		ldings and guipment	F	Projects	Loo	ging roads		luding right use assets		ght of use assets	Total
Cost	 				· ojooto		,gg . caac	0.			400010	10101
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 59.5	\$	483.5	\$	16.2	\$	245.5	\$	804.7	\$	43.6	\$ 848.3
Additions	-		0.1		36.4		8.1		44.6		5.9	50.5
Reclassification to asset held for sale	(2.1)		(17.0)		-		-		(19.1)		(0.5)	(19.6)
Disposals	(0.1)		(5.3)		(0.7)		-		(6.1)		(2.9)	(9.0)
Transfers	-		25.5		(27.2)		1.7		-		-	-
Effect of movements in exchange rates	 (0.3)		(1.3)		(0.1)		-		(1.7)		(0.2)	(1.9)
Balance at December 31, 2023	57.0		485.5		24.6		255.3		822.4		45.9	868.3
Additions	-		-		10.1		3.2		13.3		3.6	16.9
Disposals	-		(0.9)		-		(0.1)		(1.0)		(2.7)	(3.7)
Transfers	-		19.7		(21.3)		1.6		-		-	-
Effect of movements in exchange rates	 0.5		2.0		0.1		-		2.6		0.3	2.9
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 57.5	\$	506.3	\$	13.5	\$	260.0	\$	837.3	\$	47.1	\$ 884.4
Accumulated amortization												
Balance at December 31, 2022		\$	250.8			\$	212.1	\$	462.9	\$	20.7	\$ 483.6
Amortization			31.0				10.2		41.2		8.5	49.7
Reclassification to asset held for sale			(11.1)				-		(11.1)		(0.2)	(11.3)
Disposals			(5.2)				-		(5.2)		(2.5)	(7.7)
Effect of movements in exchange rates			(0.3)				-		(0.3)		(0.1)	(0.4)
Balance at December 31, 2023			265.2	_			222.3		487.5		26.4	513.9
Amortization			16.1				4.6		20.7		4.1	24.8
Disposals			(0.6)				-		(0.6)		(2.6)	(3.2)
Effect of movements in exchange rates			0.4				-		0.4		0.2	0.6
Balance at June 30, 2024		\$	281.1	_		\$	226.9	\$	508.0	\$	28.1	\$ 536.1
Carrying amounts												
At December 31, 2023	\$ 57.0	\$	220.3	\$	24.6	\$	33.0	\$	334.9	\$	19.5	\$ 354.4
At June 30, 2024	\$ 57.5	\$	225.2	\$	13.5	\$	33.1	\$	329.3	\$	19.0	\$ 348.3

The Company did not utilize cash deposits during the six months ended June 30, 2024 (YTD 2023: utilized \$0.2 million) as equipment was delivered.

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## 8. Biological assets

Reconciliation of carrying amount

	Thre	ee months	ended	<u>June 30,</u>	Six	une 30,		
		2024		2023		2024		2023
Carrying value, beginning	\$	49.3	\$	49.1	\$	49.3	\$	49.1
Change in fair value due to growth and pricing		0.1		0.1		0.2		0.2
Harvested timber transferred to inventory		-		(0.1)		(0.1)		(0.2)
Carrying value, June 30	\$	49.4	\$	49.1	\$	49.4	\$	49.1

Under IAS 41, Agriculture, the Company's private timberlands are classified as a growing forest, with the standing timber recorded as a biological asset at fair value less costs to sell at each reporting date.

At June 30, 2024, private timberlands comprised an area of approximately 22,693 hectares (December 31, 2023: 22,693 hectares) of land owned by the Company. Standing timber on private timberlands range from newly planted areas to mature forest available for harvest.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company harvested and scaled no cubic meters ("m³") and 7,448 m3 of logs, respectively (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: 5,824, m3 and 33,711 m3, respectively), from its private timberlands, which had a fair value less costs to sell of \$129 per m³ at the date of harvest (YTD 2023: \$131 per m³).

#### 9. Other assets

	June 30, 2024	2023		
Export tax receivable and related interest (Note 22(a))	\$ 75.1	\$ 70.8		
Investments, long-term loans and advances	3.5	3.9		
Note receivable	2.6	2.6		
Other	0.4	0.4		
	81.6	77.7		
Current portion	0.3	0.3		
	_ \$ 81.3 _	\$ 77.4		

## 10. Long-term debt

	June 30, 2024		 Dec. 31, 2023	
Credit facility drawings	\$	87.9	\$ 84.0	
Equipment loan		0.1	 0.1	
		0.88	84.1	
Less transaction costs		(0.2)	 (0.3)	
Long-term debt	\$	87.8	\$ 83.8	
Available Credit Facility	\$	250.0	\$ 250.0	
Credit Facility drawings		(87.9)	(84.0)	
Outstanding letters of credit included in line utilization		(24.4)	 (19.6)	
Unused portion of Credit Facility	\$	137.7	\$ 146.4	

The Company's syndicated Credit Facility (the "Credit Facility") provides for a maximum borrowing amount of \$250 million, with advances in excess of \$215 million subject to a leverage metric. On July 26, 2024, the maturity date of the Credit Facility was extended to July 21, 2026 from July 21, 2025, and certain financial covenants were amended.

The Credit Facility is available in CAD by way of Prime Rate Advances, Canadian Dollar Offered Rate or Letters of Credit and in USD by way of US Base Rate Advances, US Prime Rate Advances, or Letters of Credit. Interest on the Credit Facility is indexed to benchmark rates and varies depending on the nature of each draw and certain financial benchmarks.

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#### 10. Long-term debt (continued)

The Credit Facility is secured by a general security agreement, excluding certain specified properties and assets, and is subject to certain financial covenants, including a maximum debt to total capitalization ratio.

The Company was in compliance with its financial covenants as at June 30, 2024 and expects to comply for at least twelve months thereafter. Accordingly, the loan is classified as non-current at June 30, 2024.

#### 11. Reforestation obligation

The Company's provision for reforestation results from a legal obligation to reforest timber harvested from Crown land and arises as timber is harvested. Changes in the reforestation obligation are as follows:

	Three months ended June 30,				Six months ended June 3			
	2024 2023		2023	3 2024		2023		
Reforestation obligation, beginning	\$	23.0	\$	22.6	\$	22.1	\$	22.1
Provision charged		1.8		2.2		3.3		3.5
Expenditures		(3.2)		(3.1)		(4.0)		(4.0)
Unwind of discount		0.1		0.1		0.3		0.2
		21.7		21.8		21.7		21.8
Less current portion		7.4		8.3		7.4		8.3
Long term reforestation obligation, June 30	\$	14.3	\$	13.5	\$	14.3	\$	13.5

The reforestation expenditures are expected to occur over the next one to ten years and have been discounted at risk-free rates of 3.46% to 4.49% (YTD 2023: 3.27% to 5.15%). The total undiscounted amount of the estimated future expenditures required to settle the reforestation obligation at June 30, 2024 is \$24.3 million (December 31, 2023: \$24.5 million). Reforestation expense incurred on current production is included in cost of goods sold and the unwinding of discount, or accretion cost, is included in finance costs.

#### 12. Employee future benefits

The Company has defined benefit plans that provide pension or other retirement benefits to certain of its salaried employees. The Company also provides other post-employment benefits and pension bridging benefits to eligible retired employees. The defined benefit pension plans were closed to new participants effective June 30, 2006. No further benefits accrue under these plans for years of service after December 31, 2010, and no further benefits accrue under these plans for compensation increases effective December 31, 2016.

The amounts recognized in the statements of financial position for the Company's employee future benefit obligations, consisting of both the defined benefit salaried pension plans and other non-pension benefits are as follows:

	2024		2023
Present value of obligations	\$	89.0	\$ 92.9
Fair value of plan assets		(84.4)	 (88.2)
Liability recognized in the statements of financial position (Note 13)	\$	4.6	\$ 4.7

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The change in the liability recognized in the statements of financial position at June 30, 2024 resulted primarily from an increase in the discount rate used to value the defined benefit obligations, offset by lower returns on plan assets. The discount rate used as at June 30, 2024 was 4.95% per annum (December 31, 2023: 4.65% per annum). The Company expects to make funding contributions to its defined benefit plans of \$1.2 million in 2024.

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#### 13. Other liabilities

	C	urrent	Nor	n-current	Т	otal
As at June 30, 2024						
Defined benefit employee future benefits obligation (Note 12)	\$	-	\$	4.6	\$	4.6
Defined contribution employee future benefits obligation		-		2.3		2.3
Environmental provision		0.1		2.6		2.7
Deferred share unit plan liabilities (Note 16(b))		0.9		-		0.9
Performance share unit plan liabilities (Note 16(c))		-		0.2		0.2
Restricted share unit plan liabilities (Note 16(d))		0.4		1.2		1.6
Other		-		0.5		0.5
	\$	1.4	\$	11.4	\$	12.8
As at December 31, 2023						
Defined benefit employee future benefits obligation (Note 12)	\$	-	\$	4.7	\$	4.7
Defined contribution employee future benefits obligation		-		2.1		2.1
Environmental provision		0.1		2.7		2.8
Deferred share unit plan liabilities (Note 16(b))		1.8		-		1.8
Performance share unit plan liabilities (Note 16c))		1.4		-		1.4
Restricted share unit plan liabilities (Note 16(d))		8.0		1.2		2.0
Other		-		0.7		0.7
	\$	4.1	\$	11.4	\$	15.5

The current portion of other liabilities is recognized in accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the statements of financial position.

#### 14. Share capital

	Number of	
	common	
	shares Am	
Balance at December 31, 2022	316,742,746	\$ 405.4
Exercise of stock options	2,811	
Balance at December 31, 2023 and June 30, 2024	316,745,557	\$ 405.4

On August 3, 2023, Western renewed its Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") effective August 11, 2023, permitting the purchase and cancellation of up to 15,837,277 of the Company's common shares, representing 5% of the Company's common shares outstanding as of August 3, 2023. The renewed NCIB expires August 10, 2024.

No shares were repurchased under the NCIB in 2023 or during the first six months ended June 30, 2024.

No stock options were exercised in the first six months ended June 30, 2024, with no common shares issued (Q2 2023: 400,000 stock options exercised with 2,811 common shares issued on a cashless basis resulting in a \$0.4 million credit to retained earnings).

#### 15. Non-controlling interest

On March 27, 2024, the Company completed the sale of a 34% ownership interest in its newly formed La-kwa sa muqw Forestry Limited Partnership ("LFLP") to four Vancouver Island First Nations: K'ómoks First Nation, Tlowitsis First Nation, We Wai Kai First Nation, and Wei Wai Kum First Nation, collectively referred to as the Nations, for gross proceeds of \$35.9 million. The LFLP is comprised of certain assets and liabilities of the Company's former Mid-Island Forest Operation, including TFL 64, which was created through the subdivision of Block 2 of TFL 39. This is considered a transaction with owners in their capacity as owners, and because it did not result in a loss of control, the gain on disposal of \$25.8 million and related deferred tax expense of \$6.6 million was recognized directly to retained earnings.

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#### 16. Share-based compensation plans

#### (a) Stock-option plan

The Company has an incentive stock option plan which permits the granting of options to eligible participants to purchase up to an aggregate of 30,000,000 common shares, of which 9,265,475 remain available for future issuance. Each option is exercisable, subject to vesting terms of 20% per year and immediately upon a change in control of the Company, into one common share, subject to adjustments, at a price of not less than the closing price of the common shares on the TSX on the day immediately preceding the grant date. Options granted under the Option Plan expire a maximum of ten years from the date of the grant.

The following table summarizes the change in options outstanding:

	Six months ended J	lune 30, 2024	Six months ended	Six months ended June 30, 2023			
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	av ex	eighted erage ercise orice		
Outstanding at December 31	11,486,679	\$ 1.79	9 15,133,457	\$	1.72		
Exercised	-	-	(400,000)		1.27		
Expired	(948,000)	2.60	(1,000,000)		1.27		
Forfeited			(2,246,778)		1.64		
Outstanding at June 30	10,538,679	\$ 1.72	11,486,679	\$	1.79		

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company recorded negligible compensation expenses in respect of options (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million recovery, respectively), with a corresponding change to contributed surplus.

## (b) Deferred share unit ("DSU") plan

The Company has a DSU Plan for equity-based fees to non-executive directors, who may also elect to take a portion of their cash fees in the form of DSUs. Prior to January 1, 2015, DSUs were also granted to designated executive officers.

	Six months ended of	June 30, 2024	Six months ended June 30, 20			
	Number of DSUs	Weighted average unit value <sup>1</sup>	Number of DSUs	ave	ghted erage value¹	
Outstanding at December 31	2,567,991	\$ 1.21	2,067,371	\$	1.45	
Granted <sup>1</sup>	708,919	0.52	385,309		1.07	
Redeemed	(1,314,470)	1.34	-		-	
Outstanding at June 30	1,962,439	\$ 0.88	2,452,680	\$	1.39	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fair value at the date of the grants. Grants include notional dividends.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company recorded a compensation recovery for DSUs of \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million, respectively (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million recovery, respectively), with a corresponding change to accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

# (c) Performance share unit ("PSU") plan

The Company has established a PSU Plan for designated officers and employees.

	Six months ended a	Six months ended June 30, 2024				0, 2023				
		We	ighted		We	eighted				
	Number of PSUs	average unit value <sup>1</sup>		· .		<b>.</b>				erage value <sup>1</sup>
Outstanding at December 31	3,574,946	\$	1.55	3,591,951	\$	1.46				
Granted <sup>1</sup>	3,423,691		0.65	1,590,862		1.30				
Redeemed	(1,130,621)		1.54	(1,655,262)		1.08				
Outstanding at June 30	5,868,016	\$	1.03	3,527,551	\$	1.56				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fair value at the date of the grants. Grants include notional dividends.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company recorded a compensation expense for PSUs of a negligible amount and \$0.1 million (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: negligible amount and \$0.2 million expense, respectively), with corresponding changes to accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other liabilities.

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#### 16. Share-based compensation plans (continued)

#### (d) Restricted share unit ("RSU") plan

The Company has established an RSU Plan for designated officers and employees.

	Six months ended of	June 30, 2024	Six months ended June 30, 2			
		Weighted		Weighted		
	Number of RSUs	9 ,		<b>3</b> ,		average unit value <sup>1</sup>
Outstanding at December 31	4,665,771	\$ 1.54	3,438,775	\$ 1.61		
Granted <sup>1</sup>	8,332,914	0.65	1,506,383	1.30		
Redeemed	(1,179,006)	1.54	(341,235)	1.08		
Outstanding at March 31	11,819,679	\$ 0.91	4,603,923	\$ 1.55		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fair value at the date of the grants. Grants include notional dividends.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company recorded compensation expense for RSUs of a negligible amount and \$0.4 million, respectively (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million expense, respectively) with corresponding changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and to other liabilities.

## 17. Revenue

# Disaggregation of revenue

In the following table, revenue is disaggregated by primary geographical market based on the known origin of the customer, and by major products.

	Three months	Six months ended June 30,			
	2024 2023		2024	2023	
Primary geographic markets					
Canada	\$ 110.8	\$ 102.9	\$ 201.9	\$ 207.0	
United States	108.9	109.6	177.7	198.2	
Japan	38.9	28.4	78.1	54.4	
China	24.9	17.6	44.4	43.3	
Other	22.2	12.8	40.2	29.9	
Europe	3.8	4.7	6.7	7.0	
·	\$ 309.5	\$ 276.0	\$ 549.0	\$ 539.8	
Major Products					
Lumber	\$ 235.3	\$ 212.4	\$ 412.9	\$ 423.4	
Logs	56.5	52.8	101.6	91.4	
By-products	12.4	9.4	22.9	22.7	
Forestry services and other	5.3	1.4	11.6	2.3	
•	\$ 309.5	\$ 276.0	\$ 549.0	\$ 539.8	

## Contract balances

The following table provides information about receivables and contract liabilities from contracts with customers.

	2024			2023		
Trade and other receivables	\$	79.7	\$	50.9		
Other investments and advances		1.1		1.2		
Contract liabilities		43.5		44.5		

Contract liabilities relate to the consideration received from a customer for a long-term fibre supply contract and are recognized as deferred revenue, for which revenue is recognized straight-line over the term of the contract (see Note 22(c)). The Company recognized related revenue of \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million, respectively).

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## 18. Operating restructuring items

	Thre	Six	months e	nded Jui	ne 30,			
	2	2024			2024		2	2023
Retirement and other benefits	\$	1.2	\$	1.5	\$	1.0	\$	6.6
Other		0.5		0.1		0.5		0.2
	\$	1.7	\$	1.6	\$	1.5	\$	6.8

# 19. Other income (loss)

	Thre	e months	ended .	June 30,	Six months ended June 30				
	2024		2023		2024			2023	
Gain (loss) on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	\$	-	\$	0.2	\$	0.2	\$	0.1	
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		0.5		(1.6)		2.2		(1.6)	
Other		0.1		0.6		-		0.6	
	\$	0.6	\$	(8.0)	\$	2.4	\$	(0.9)	

#### 20. Income taxes

Income tax expense (recovery) differs from the amount that would be computed by applying the Company's combined Federal and Provincial statutory rate as follows:

	Thre	e months	ended	June 30,	Six	ıne 30,		
	2	2024		2023		2024		2023
Loss before income taxes	\$	(7.0)	\$	(28.0)	\$	(24.4)	\$	(51.6)
Income tax recovery at statutory rate of 27%	\$	(1.9)	\$	(7.5)	\$	(6.6)	\$	(13.9)
Difference in tax rates		0.5		-		0.4		0.2
Other permanent differences		1.2		0.2		-		0.5
Change in unrecognized deductible temporary differences		(1.0)		-		(4.4)		-
Other		(0.1)		-		(0.1)		-
	\$	(1.3)	\$	(7.3)	\$	(10.7)	\$	(13.2)
Recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss)								
Deferred tax expense (recovery)	\$		\$	(0.1)	\$	(0.1)	\$	0.1
Recognized in Retained earnings								
Deferred tax expense	\$	(0.2)	\$	-	\$	6.6	\$	

# 21. Loss per share

Net loss per share is calculated utilizing the treasury stock method for determining the dilutive effect of options issued. The reconciliation of the numerator and denominator is determined as follows:

	Th	ree month	ns ended June 3	30, 2024	Three months ended June 30, 202						
	Net loss attributable to equity shareholders		Weighted average number of shares	Per share	Net loss attributable to equity shareholders		Weighted average number of shares	Per share			
Issued shares, beginning of period Effect of shares: Issued in the quarter			316,745,557				316,745,557				
Basic loss per share Effective of dilutive securities: Stock options <sup>1</sup>	\$	(4.2)	316,745,557	\$ (0.01)	\$	(21.0)	316,745,557 91.153	\$ (0.07)			
Diluted loss per share	\$	(4.2)	316,745,557	\$ (0.01)	\$	(21.0)	316,745,557	\$ (0.07)			

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#### 21. Loss per share (continued)

		Six months	ended June 30	), 2024	Six months ended June 30, 2023					
	att to	Net loss cributable o equity areholders	Weighted average number of shares	Per share	att	Net loss ributable to equity areholders	Weighted average number of shares	Per share		
Issued shares at December 31			316,745,557				316,742,746			
Effect of shares:										
Issued in the first six months			-				2,066			
Basic loss per share	\$	(11.9)	316,745,557	\$ (0.04)	\$	(38.0)	316,744,812	\$ (0.12)		
Effective of dilutive securities:										
Stock options 1			-				351,197			
Diluted loss per share	\$	(11.9)	316,745,557	\$ (0.04)	\$	(38.0)	316,744,812	\$ (0.12)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Where the addition of stock options to the total shares outstanding has an anti-dilutive impact on the diluted loss per share calculation, those stock options have not been included in the total shares outstanding for purposes of the calculation of diluted loss per share.

## 22. Commitments and contingencies

## (a) Softwood lumber duty dispute

On October 12, 2015, the softwood lumber agreement between Canada and the US, under which Canadian softwood lumber shipments to the US ("shipments") were assessed an export tax by the Canadian government, expired.

From 2017 onward, as a result of petitions filed by the US Lumber Coalition, and others, and determinations made by the US International Trade Commission, the US Department of Commerce ("DoC") imposed Countervailing ("CV") and Anti-dumping duties ("AD") on shipments to the US from Canada. As a result of these actions, cash deposits for CV were required for Canadian lumber imports to the US effective April 28, 2017 through August 25, 2017, and from December 28, 2017 onwards; and cash deposits for AD were required for Canadian lumber imports to the US effective June 30, 2017 until December 26, 2017, and from December 28, 2017 onwards.

As each DoC Administrative Review ("AR") of a shipment year is completed, final rates are published in the federal register and a revised cash deposit rate is established until publication of final rates of the next AR.

The Company expenses export taxes at the cash duty deposit rate as lumber shipments are made. Where final duty rates differed from cash deposit rates, the Company recognized revisions to its export tax expense.

As cash deposit rates exceeded final duty rates for lumber shipments made in 2017 through 2021, the Company recognized a long-term interest-bearing duty receivable totalling USD\$54.9 million (CAD\$75.1 million) in its statements of financial position. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, export tax expense of \$6.3 million and \$10.3 million (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: \$6.2 million and \$10.9 million, respectively) was recorded in the statements of comprehensive loss.

Under US law, the DoC and US International Trade Commission ("USITC") are required to conduct a sunset review no later than five years after an AD or CV order is issued. The DoC review determines whether revoking the orders would be likely to lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping or subsidies. The USITC review determines whether revoking the orders would be likely to lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to the US industry. If both determinations are negative, the orders will be revoked.

On March 27 and April 3, 2023, the DoC issued the final results of its first sunset review of the CV and AD orders, respectively, concluding that if duties on Canadian softwood lumber products were revoked, there would likely be a continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies and dumping. On November 30, 2023, the USITC issued its final determination under the sunset review, concurring with the DoC conclusion.

On January 17, 2024, the Government of Canada filed a notice of intent to challenge the ITC decision to maintain duties on Canadian softwood lumber products, under Chapter 10 of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement.

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#### 22. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

#### (a) Softwood lumber duty dispute (continued)

On February 1, 2024, the DoC released its preliminary determination for CV and AD rates resulting from its fifth AR of CV and AD rates for shipments in 2022, indicating a combined rate of 13.86%. The DoC may revise these rates between the preliminary and the final determination, expected to be released in the third quarter of 2024. Cash deposits continue at the combined duty rate of 8.05% until the final determinations are published, after which the 2022 rate will apply.

On March 5, 2024, the DoC initiated its sixth AR of CV and AD for shipments in 2023, with a completion deadline of January 25, 2025.

The following table summarizes the cash deposit rates in effect and the final rates applicable to Canadian lumber shipments to the US in 2017 through 2021 and preliminary rates for 2022:

		Aug. 9, 2022	Jan. 10, 2022	Dec. 1, 2021	Dec. 1, 2020	Jan. 1, 2020			
Lumber shipment date	Aug. 1,	through	through	through	through	through			
	2023	Jul. 31,	Aug. 8,	Jan. 9,	Nov. 30,	Nov. 30,		Year	
	onward	2023	2022	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Cash deposit rate									
CV	1.79%	3.83%	6.32%	6.31%	7.42%	14.19%	14.19%	14.19%	14.19%
AD	6.26%	4.76%	11.59%	11.59%	1.57%	6.04%	6.04%	6.04%	6.04%
Combined	8.05%	8.59%	17.91%	17.90%	8.99%	20.23%	20.23%	20.23%	20.23%
				AR5	AR4	AR3	AR2	AR1	AR1
				2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Lumber shipment year				Preliminary	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
Duty rate									
CV				6.71%	1.79%	3.83%	6.32%	7.42%	7.26%
AD				7.15%	6.26%	4.76%	11.59%	1.57%	1.57%
				13.86%	8.05%	8.59%	17.91%	8.99%	8.83%

As at June 30, 2024, including interest of USD\$8.4 million (December 31, 2023: USD\$6.8 million), the duty receivable of USD\$54.9 million (December 31, 2023: USD\$53.4 million) was revalued at the period-end exchange rate to CAD\$75.1 million (December 31, 2023: CAD\$70.8 million).

Interest revenue of \$1.1 million and \$2.1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively, was recorded in finance costs (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: \$0.7 million and \$1.5 million, respectively). Related foreign exchange gains of \$0.8 million and \$2.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively, were recorded in other income (Q2 2023 and YTD 2023: \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million foreign exchange losses, respectively).

As at June 30, 2024, the Company had paid \$236.1 million of duties, all of which remain held in trust by US Department of Treasury (December 31, 2023: \$219.3 million). With the exception of USD\$46.6 million (CAD\$63.7 million) of duty deposits recognized as a receivable, all duty deposits have been expensed at the cash deposit rates in effect at the date of payment.

## (b) Litigation and claims

In the normal course of business, the Company may be subject to claims and legal actions that may be made by customers, unions, suppliers and others in respect of which either provision has been made or for which no material liability is expected. Where the Company is unable to determine the outcome of these disputes no amounts have been accrued in these financial statements.

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#### 22. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

#### (c) Long-term fibre supply agreements

Certain of the Company's long-term fibre supply agreements with third parties have minimum volume requirements and may, in the case of a failure to produce the minimum annual volume, require the Company to conduct whole log chipping or sell saw logs, which could reduce log availability for our sawmills, source the deficiency from third parties at additional cost or incur a penalty under the fibre supply agreements. If the Company takes any significant curtailments in its sawmills its chip production would decline, increasing the risk that the Company would not meet its contractual obligations where it is not possible to secure replacement chips on the open market. Based on chip and pulp log volumes supplied to date, the Company believes it has satisfied fibre commitments as at June 30, 2024. The Company anticipates satisfying annual fibre commitments for the year ending December 31, 2024.

#### 23. Financial instruments – fair values and risk management

The Company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"), depending upon the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. The Company's non-derivative financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Fair values are categorized into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liability, either directly or indirectly; or
- · Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

The following table shows the carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy. It does not include fair value information for financial assets or liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

June 30, 2024

December 31, 2023

		Mar	ndatory	Amortized				N	Manda <sup>1</sup>	torv	Am	ortized		
	Level		VTPL		cost	Т	otal	at FVTPL		•	cost		Total	
Financial assets														
Cash and cash equivalents Foreign currency forward	2	\$	-	\$	4.3	\$	4.3	\$	5	-	\$	2.3	\$	2.3
contracts	2		0.1		-		0.1			-		-		-
Trade and other receivables	3		-		79.6		79.6			-		50.9		50.9
Other investments and advances Export tax and related interest	3		-		3.5		3.5			-		3.8		3.8
receivable (Note 22(a))	3		75.1		-		75.1		7	8.0		-		70.8
Total financial assets		\$	75.2	\$	87.4	\$	162.6	\$	5 7	8.0	\$	57.0	\$	127.8
	Level		Other Mandatory financial at FVTPL liabilities		Total			/landat at FVT	,	fir	Other nancial ibilities		Total	
Financial liabilities														
Bank indebtedness Accounts payable and accrued	2	\$	-	\$	0.5	\$	0.5	\$	6	-	\$	0.9	\$	0.9
liabilities Liabilities directly associated with	2		-		99.8		99.8			-		102.8		102.8
assets held for sale (Note 6)	2		-		0.7		0.7			-		0.3		0.3
Long-term debt (Note 10)	2		-		88.0		88.0			-		84.1		84.1
Lease liabilities	2		-		19.5		19.5	_		-		19.9		19.9
Total financial liabilities		\$	-	\$	208.5	\$	208.4	\$	3	-	\$	208.0	\$	208.0

The Company enters into forward contracts to sell USD and JPY in order to mitigate a portion of the foreign currency risk. At June 30, 2024, the Company had outstanding obligations to sell an aggregate USD\$24.0 million at an average exchange rate of CAD\$1.3713 per USD with maturities through July 26, 2024. (December 31, 2023: USD\$13.0 million at an average exchange rate of CAD\$1.3279 per USD).

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# 23. Financial instruments – fair values and risk management (continued)

All foreign currency gains or losses related to currency forward contracts have been recognized in revenue for the period as described in the following table.

	Thre	e months	ended .	June 30,	Six months ended June 30				
	2	2024		2023	2	2024	2023		
Fair value of asset, beginning of period	\$	-	\$	(0.2)	\$	-	\$	(0.1)	
Fair value of asset (liability) at June 30		0.1		(0.1)		0.1		(0.1)	
Change in unrealized foreign currency gains (losses)		0.1	·	(0.3)	<u> </u>	0.1		(0.2)	
Realized foreign currency gains (losses) on settled contracts		(0.3)		1.1		(0.6)		1.4	
Foreign currency gains (losses) recognized in revenue	\$	(0.2)	\$	8.0	\$	(0.5)	\$	1.2	

Forward contracts in a liability position are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the statements of financial position and assets are included in trade and other receivables.



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