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Dear Mr. Edwards:

Re: Our Client: AbitibiBowater Inc.
Your Correspondence Dated June 12, 2009

This will respond to your correspondence of June 12, 2009 to Mr. Claude St. Laurent of our client, AbitibiBowater Inc.

First, I will respond respecting the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) reports of which your client, the Department of Environment and Conservation ("DOEC") purports to "require" production by our client by June 19, 2009. The status of this documentation is as follows:

1. Respecting our client's former Stephenville Mill, the final Phase I ESA report has already been provided to DOEC (in 2006), and there exists no final Phase II ESA report. As your client is well aware, the environmental consulting firm of Fracflow Consultants, Inc. ("Fracflow"), which was initially engaged to undertake environmental site assessment work at the former Stephenville Mill property, was replaced before completing its work last year by the environmental consulting firm AMEC Americas Limited ("AMEC"). AMEC's assessment work respecting the Stephenville Mill site remains ongoing. Although AMEC's review of the Fracflow work, and additional field work has been completed, the preparation of the final report is still in progress. All Stephenville Phase II ESA documentation presently in our client's possession remains in draft form.
2. Respecting historic ESA reports for Grand Falls and Botwood, although a limited number of reports do exist, they have not been reviewed and approved by our client's senior environmental personnel in Montreal, and are accordingly not from our client's point of view final.
3. Respecting the suggested ESA reports for our client's former logging camps and woodlands operations, none exist as the ESA process has not yet been initiated.

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Our client is not prepared to deliver ESA reports which are either draft or which are not as yet confirmed to be final.

Our client continues to diligently and rigorously review and develop the ESA materials which have been requested, and we do not foreclose the potential for their disclosure to the DOEC at an appropriate time. We would ask that you nevertheless note that the present disclosure requests remain under consideration in light of the following recent significant developments:

- the December 16, 2009 expropriation of substantial properties and assets of our client by Government pursuant to the *Abitibi-Consolidated Rights and Assets Act*;
- the Order of the Quebec Superior Court issued in respect of our client and its subsidiary entities dated April 17, 2008 under the *Companies, Creditors Arrangement Act* (the "CCAA Order"), a copy of which CCAA Order we transmit herewith; and
- the May 29, 2009 Ministerial Order pertaining to the Tailings Spill Area at the former Buchans Mine issued under section 99 of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

We also question the basis, adverted to in your correspondence, for the DOEC to "require" our client to provide the ESA reports which are sought, whether in final or draft form. We know of no obligation under the *Environmental Protection Act* which would impose an affirmative duty of disclosure of such reports.

Additionally, we have instructions to appeal the May 29, 2009 Tailings Spill Area Ministerial Order, and I am in the course of preparing the necessary Notice of Appeal. Would you kindly advise as to whether or not you are authorized to accept service of the Notice of Appeal?

Finally, respecting your request for an update on a number of matters, we would respond on behalf of our client as follows:

- the preparation and registration of the Grand Falls Mill decommissioning/rehabilitation plan is ongoing;
- at the Stephenville Mill, some remediation work, of which DOEC is already aware, has been completed or is ongoing; however, the bulk of the remedial action plan remains to be developed in light of the pending final Phase II ESA report;
- the Phase I ESA report for Buchans was submitted to DOEC in the spring of 2009 and our client is currently evaluating the nature and scope of potential next steps, which will be subject to the approval of the Monitor appointed under the CCAA Order; and

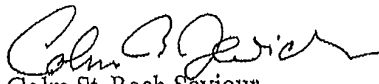
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- the Tailings Spill Area Remediation work is presently the subject of the May 29, 2009 Ministerial Order which is being disputed, and our client's work in that respect will depend upon the ultimate outcome of the intended appeal.

I trust that you will find that this correspondence fully responds to your June 12, 2009 correspondence, and remain

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure

cc. Claude St-Laurent