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26 May 2009

VIA FACSIMILE TO 864-282-9219
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Mr. Duane A. Owens
Vice President Finance and Investor Relations
AbitibiBowater Incorporated
55 East Camperdown Way
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Dear Mr. Owens:

Account Name: Avenor Inc. SERP RCA
Our Account Number: 110005001

Further to our letter dated April 22, 2009 notifying the Company that Section 3.06 of the Trust Agreement has become applicable, and pursuant to the terms of the Scotiabank Letter of Guarantee Number G18572/271869 (the "Guarantee"), this is to serve as notice that we have requested payment of \$23,065,000.00 from the Company and have not received payment.

As a result, we will make a demand for payment of the full amount under the Guarantee to the bank on May 26, 2009.

Yours very truly,

Angela Lai
Senior Trust Officer, RCA/EBP & Escrow Group
Specialized Estate and Trust Services

cc. Mr. William G. Harvey, Senior VP and CFO

SUPERIOR COURT
(Commercial Division)

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CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
DISTRICT OF MONTRÉAL

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLAN OF
COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF :

ABITIBIBOWATER INC. AND AL.

Petitioners

-and-
ERNST & YOUNG INC.

Monitor

BS0350 Our file: 041053-1170

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