

**In response to a news article regarding FPInnovations' work for the Government of Ontario's Stage II Wood Competition Program**

**Pointe-Claire, Québec, April 8, 2011** – In a recent news article, FPInnovations' integrity was tarnished when it referred to the organization's involvement in the Stage II Wood Competition Program. In September 2010, the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry (MNDMF) requested FPInnovations to provide technical advice regarding submissions to this program. In no way did FPInnovations nor its staff participate in the decision process related to the fibre allocation as was implied in the article.

As an independent third-party research organization, FPInnovations is often called upon to provide science-based information, technical services and technology transfer activities to its industrial members as well as governments. FPInnovations partners with numerous forest associations to bring scientific knowledge and innovative practices to the Forest Industry.

Through the merger of three not-for-profit national forest research institutes, specializing in forest operations, wood products and pulp and paper, FPInnovations has maintained its expertise over the years by covering the full spectrum of the forest value chain. With the support of its highly specialised staff and research laboratories, located in Pointe-Claire, Québec City and Vancouver, FPInnovations' goal is to provide all 350 members with the knowledge and technology to conduct cost-competitive, quality operations that respect the forest environment and sustainability. It achieves this through the delivery of technological solutions in such areas as lumber, panels, and other value-added manufacturing processes.

FPInnovations focuses its resources on R&D and innovative technologies for the benefit of all its members and the Canadian forest sector in general.

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