

## FORESTRY

### *Our Competitive Edge*

- More than half of Saskatchewan is forested – about 355,000 square kilometres
- Our commercial softwoods include balsam fir, black spruce, jack pine, tamarack, white spruce
- Our hardwoods include balsam poplar, trembling aspen and white birch
- Saskatchewan is home to a variety of forestry industry firms, including Oriented Strand Board (OSB) plants and plywood and lumber operations
- Our key products include:
  - Dimensional lumber, plywood, oriented strand board, treated posts, wood pulp
  - Secondary products, such as furniture, cabinets, millwork and flooring
- Saskatchewan's forest industry players have invested over \$1 billion since 1999 into advanced state-of-the-art facilities, making them competitive leaders in global markets

### *Innovation and Opportunity*

#### ***Pioneering Technologies***

- The first waferboard plant in Canada
- The world's first closed-loop, liquid effluent-free hardwood pulp mill
- A major waste management/cogeneration facility using wood waste to generate electricity

#### ***Manufacturing***

- Saskatchewan's wood products industry is in the centre of a 40,000-unit prairie housing market (2007) that provides regional market opportunities for an array of housing components and finishing materials
- Remanufacturing, pre-manufactured housing and hardwood product manufacturing opportunities make Saskatchewan an ideal location for new business development
- There are excellent opportunities in re-manufacturing and specialty wood products – combined with established harvesting operations:
  - Oriented Strand Board industry, paper and secondary manufacturing of wood-based products such as millwork products
- To expand the forestry industry, the province is seeking industry participants that can use the vast supplies of softwood chips and other wood residuals

#### ***New Revenue Streams***

- High potential for development of agro-forestry
- Largely untapped opportunities in our forests include wildcrafting and eco-tourism
- Specialty forest products, such as:
  - Wild berries, herbs, spices, mushrooms and peat moss
  - Pine needles, which produce essential oils
  - Mosses and lichens; tree bark for use in crafts
- Harvesting burned timber



## ***The Bottom Line***

### ***Ideal Location***

- Large forested regions are near built-up areas – with excellent access
- Unallocated wood supplies both north and south of the existing commercial forest zone
- Central North American location provides cost-effective access to markets
- A surplus of residual wood products creates great prospects for new developments

### ***Lower Costs***

- Competitively priced resources
- Hard-working, skilled and productive workforce
- Business climate is favourable for forest development
- Lower costs of living and doing business

### ***Supportive Government***

- Environmental regulation is reasonable and effective
- Government supports forestry with training and technology transfer programs

## ***Want to know more? Contact:***

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