

FORESTS FOR TOMORROW UPDATE – November 26, 2008
FFT Sowing Update

The Ministry of Forests and Range (“MFR”) has asked PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) to remind Forests for Tomorrow (“FFT”) recipients that the FFT program seedling request entry deadline for requests using the 'FTM' code as a SPAR funding source is December 7, 2008. All submissions must be entered by this date.

Recipients are encouraged to submit a request size of 250 K, with an absolute maximum of 500 K. This will allow risk managing so that a recipient’s entire program does not end up in one nursery. Another consideration, especially as the year goes on and the nurseries begin to fill up, is that requests with very large numbers of blocks are going to limit the number of nurseries that can bid. If this is not adequately addressed, the most likely scenario is that bids will only come from nurseries with a lot of room left which in turn limits the program’s ability to award work to other nurseries based on performance.

Forests for Tomorrow requests must be entered with the district office as the organizational unit instead of the MFR regional office. Entering the regional office creates some difficulty in planning for shipment and storage of these seedlings after they've been lifted because when the information is passed to NSA (“Nursery Shipping and Administration System”), the final destination will be the regional office instead of the field office/ district where they will be planted (i.e. the requests would go to either Kamloops or Prince George instead of the district where they will be planted).

All sowing and 2009 planting must be entered into Plantwizard as per the FFT seed and seedling policy. The recipients are reminded that Plantwizard allows the downloading of SPAR entered sowing requests so no/little duplication of effort is required. Information on how this is completed can be found at

http://www.jrpltd.com/support_videos.html#Plant%20Wizard%20Support%20Videos.

Once all the tenders are complete, BCTS will enter all the sowing requests corporately through one data upload from NSA to Plantwizard so the recipients will not have to do this. The 2009SP is already entered and BCTS have been updating it regularly as the lift progresses. There is a button in Plantwizard (upload form the Plantwizard.com server) that will automatically upload the most up to date information for each user.

Please call PwC’s Investment Management team at (604) 484-3490 if you have any questions or need further clarification in regards to any aspect of this update or the FFT program.