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Dear ESF Submitter,

Re: Access to Provincial GeoBase Products for MOFR-Recognized ESF Submitters

Base Mapping and Geomatic Services Branch (BMGS) is embarking on new directions with the TRIM base mapping program and a developing Provincial GeoBase Product & Service line as driven by GeoBC.

GeoBC is the emerging new organization that our ADM, Kevin Jardine, is forming to better enable the utility of geographic data for all citizens. Underpinning GeoBC will be the Provincial GeoBase, which will redefine the base mapping components as currently serviced through TRIM and related programs.

The direction of GeoBC leads BMGS into a new way of doing business with the forest industry.

An immediate change you will see is the cancellation of the TRIM Data Exchange Program and termination of all DEAs with the Forest Sector. However, it is the intent of BMGS to enable access to mapping data by the forest sector in support of License arrangements made with Ministry of Forests and Range (MOFR) as a move towards a common policy for supplying information to Licensees that have a legislative requirement to supply data to the provincial government.

In the spirit of cooperation and with respect to a common data access policy, BMGS will make available TRIM and related base map products at no cost and Orthophotos at a reduced cost for Licensees actively submitting spatial data via MOFR's Electronic Submission Framework (ESF). This new data access policy will be implemented as outlined below and you will receive notification(s) as it unfolds.

In accordance with the Ministry's Distribution and Pricing Policy for Products & Services, of which BMGS is bound by, the License Agreement for BC Provincial Digital Atlas Data will apply.

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License Agreement for BC Provincial Digital Atlas Data (Provincial GeoBase Products) **OWNERSHIP AND USE**

The distribution and use of Provincial GeoBase products, as provided by Base Mapping and Geomatic Services (BMGS) Branch, Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, shall be restricted to the organization's own internal use and will be subject to the Terms & Conditions of the License Agreement for BC Provincial Digital Atlas Data.

Please refer to the following URL site for the License Agreement's Terms & Conditions and restrictions on data use:

<http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/bmgs/products/license.htm>

The Province acknowledges that the organization is permitted to allow its consultants, agents and affiliates to use the Provincial GeoBase products, provided such persons are advised of the restrictions on such use set out in the License Agreement.

Implementation Strategy

All "Business" BCeIDs recognized by MOFR as an ESF submitter account type will qualify for special access permissions for TRIM & related Provincial GeoBase products to support License related activities (i.e. land use planning, forestry planning and field layout, development & stewardship plans).

As a MOFR-recognized ESF submitter, access to the following Provincial GeoBase products will be enabled:

- 1:20k TRIM data consisting of planimetric (i.e. hydrographic, transportation, land cover and landmark features), contours, DEM (mass points, breaklines), and toponymy (place names)
- 1:250k NTS (Restructured)
- 1:250k TRIM Enhanced Base Map (TRIM-EBM)
- 1:250k BC-DEM Elevation (Gridded - 25m intervals) and Hillshade (black & white or elevation coloured hill-shade)
- Orthophotos at reduced cost (procurement fee of \$50 / 1:20k plus applicable taxes & shipping fees)

Geographic Extent: Province of BC

Scheduled implementation for BCeID assignment of MOFR-recognized ESF submitters is March 28, 2008.

With this implementation strategy, BMGS can be assured that access to Provincial GeoBase products parallels access policies established for other products (i.e. Tantalus) currently made available to ESF Submitters with no impact to the Licensees and a significant reduction in BCeID account management and assignment for BMGS.

BMGS will be working closely with ILMB Corporate Data Management & Warehouse Services and MOFR to ensure that access needs are met.

Yours sincerely,



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