

TEMBEC RECOGNISED AS FOREST MANAGEMENT LEADERS

By Working Forest staff

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Canada has selected Tembec Inc., as the recipient of the 2007 FSC Winds of Change Award. The award recognizes exceptional contributions to safeguarding the future of our forests and all who depend upon them.

In 2001, Tembec Inc. became the first large-scale forestry company in Canada to seek third-party certification of all their forest management and forestry operations in accordance with FSC Canada's exacting forest management standards. To date, Tembec has certified over 90% of their forestlands to FSC's standards and played a pivotal role in the transformation of the market for FSC-certified wood products.

"I am very proud to receive the FSC Winds of Change Award on behalf of the employees of Tembec," said James Lopez, Tembec's President and Chief Executive Officer. "With 8.8 million hectares of FSC-certified forestland under its management and an extensive range of FSC-certified products in the marketplace, Tembec is the largest producer of FSC-certified products in the world. This prestigious award recognizes our ongoing commitment to our FSC partnership and the leadership role that Tembec has taken in responsible forest management."

"In conferring the FSC Winds of Change Award, the Board of Directors of FSC Canada is recognizing that Tembec was first out of the gate among large-scale forest managers and in so doing has made an exceptional contribution that is changing the face of forestry and the wood fibre-based industry in North America," said Mr. Antony Marcil, President and C.E.O of FSC Canada.

The ceremony will take place on the evening of September 28th, 2007 at 8 p.m. at a fund raising gala to be attended by private and public sector dignitaries, and officials of First Nations, labour and environmental organizations.