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Dear ABCFP Member:

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1. APPRAISALS TASK FORCE INITIATED

The ABCFP Task Force on Appraisals and Cruising met for the first time in late October. The task force intends to review actual operational scenarios that reflect areas of concern in appraisals and cruising. Specifically, member concerns and actions related to the appraisal and cruising process will be examined for consistency with principles of professional reliance, accepted standards of practice such as completeness and correctness of data collection, and other related components. If you have an example of a practice concern in the field of appraisals and cruising that you would like the task force to consider, or if you have a specific question, send it to Mike Larock, RPF, director of professional practice and forest stewardship at: mlarock@abcfp.ca or Debbie Zandbelt, RPF, task force coordinator at: dzandbelt@telus.net by December 6th.

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2. ABCFP PREPARES RESPONSE TO COAST ACTION PLAN

As soon as the Ministry of Forests and Range released the Coastal Forest Action Plan, the stewardship advisory committee began to examine it. The ABCFP favours the direction that has been taken by the Minister to support the coastal forest industry by focusing energy and resources on incremental gains in silviculture, managed second-growth forests and improvements in the product sector. The proposed shortened rotations represent a management shift and the ABCFP recommends the ministry look

to the paper called *Assessment of the Status of Forest Inventories in BC* that the association released in March 2007. The paper and accompanying recommendations may assist the government in making the decisions specified in the Coastal Forest Action Plan. The ABCFP also encourages the government to investigate the outcomes of such decisions relative to other developing scenarios such as climate change. The full response will be posted on the ABCFP website when it is complete.

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3. PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE DRAFT PAPER READY

The Professional Reliance Working Group, which is made up of representatives from the Ministry of Forests and Range, Coast Forest Products Association, Council of Forest Industries and the ABCFP, prepared a discussion paper called *Applying Professional Reliance Under FRPA*. This paper is meant to guide members in how they apply professional reliance every day. The paper is currently being provided to participants at the fall workshops and will be finalized and put on our website early in 2008.

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4. CODE OF ETHICS GUIDELINES BEING REVISED

We have received a lot of feedback on the Code of Ethics Guidelines for Interpretation paper. Several concerns regarding the content of scenario 11.4.4A were received. As a result, we have removed that scenario and are examining it and may change it. Should you have questions or concerns, contact Mike Larock, RPF, director of professional practice and forest stewardship at: mlarock@abcfp.ca or Debbie Zandbelt, RPF, task force coordinator at: dzandbelt@telus.net.

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5. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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