



## Apollo Forest Products and Forest Certification

In 2001 Apollo Forest Products Ltd. (Apollo) developed an Environmental Management System (EMS) that was specific to its woodlands operations in Fort St. James. A year later, Apollo's EMS was third party certified by QMI to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO 14001) standard. The ISO 14001 standard details the requirements for an EMS, enables Apollo to develop and implement an environmental policy and objectives that take into account legal and other requirements, as well as establish significant environmental aspects. The standard applies to those environmental aspects of Apollo's operations that we have control or influence over. Some of the key components of Apollo's EMS are: an environmental policy specific to Apollo's woodlands operation (see right); standard operating procedures for harvesting, road building, silviculture, fuel storage and handling; a comprehensive spill prevention and response plan; and annual third party verification for compliance to the EMS.

Complimentary to our ISO 14001 certification is Apollo's commitment to Sustainable Forest Management (SFM). The Fort St. James SFM plan is the foundation used to certify participating forest companies to the CSA Z809-02 standard. The Z809-02 standard is built on the underlying principal of forest sustainability. Indicators of sustainability based off of environmental, economic, and social factors were developed through a public participation process involving residents of Fort St. James and associated satellite communities. In January 2006, Apollo's woodlands operations relevant to the Fort St. James SFM Plan were third party certified by QMI to the CSA Z809-02 standard.

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Some of the benefits Apollo has experienced from forest certification are; certainty that Apollo's woodlands activities are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner; confidence in knowing that logs delivered from Apollo's defined forest area originate from sustainable managed forests; the establishment of a forum by which members of the community can provide input into local forest management; and offer assurance to our customers that forest products from Apollo's facility are compliant with international forest management standards.

### *Apollo's Sustainable Forest Management and Environmental Policy*

*Apollo Forest Products Ltd. is committed to responsible stewardship of the environment throughout our woodlands operation.*

*We will:*

- ✓ *Meet or exceed all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and other requirements to which Apollo Forest Products Ltd. subscribes;*
- ✓ *Achieve and maintain Sustainable Forest Management (SFM);*
- ✓ *Provide safeguards to the health and safety of our employees, contractors, and the public through responsible forest management;*
- ✓ *Provide participation opportunities to Aboriginal peoples with regards to SFM management while respecting their rights and interests;*
- ✓ *Endeavour to prevent pollution;*
- ✓ *Develop and adapt SFM performance measures based on agreed to local forest values with a public advisory group;*
- ✓ *Set and review objectives and targets annually;*
- ✓ *Conduct regular audits and reviews of our SFM performance and Environmental Management System;*
- ✓ *Improve knowledge about the forest and SFM as well as monitoring advances in SFM science and technology, and incorporating them where applicable;*
- ✓ *Implement and maintain a chain of custody system for forest based products; and,*
- ✓ *Strive towards continual improvement.*