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*Subject: Mixed Stand Strategy*

Dear Minister Béchard:

Last April 23, I wrote you a letter concerning the mixed stand strategy that the Ministry intends to implement on the Agreement territory as part of the next General Forest Management Plans (GFMPs 2008-2013). The purpose of that correspondence was to obtain more details on the strategy in order to allow the Board to review the new General Forest Management Plans and to advise you on their compliance and consistency with the instructions sent to the Agreement holders.

In this regard, we received last June 13 a letter from Ms. Paule Têtu, Associate Deputy Minister for Forêt Québec, providing additional information on the mixed stand strategy that the Agreement holders on the territory will have to apply as part of the GFMPs development, as well as a technical presentation by an official from your Ministry. The Board members were satisfied with the information presented considering the current context and the short timeframe that the Agreement holders must comply with to finalize the plans and submit them to the Ministry.

However, the Board had to provide you with an official advice on this strategy, as stipulated in Section 3.30 c) of the Agreement. Since it is necessary to have a more complete knowledge of the situation, i.e. the profile of the mixed stands at the trapline level, and to take into account the results of the updated Manuel d'aménagement forestier (Forest Management Manual) as well as the revised calculation of the annual allowable cut done by the Chief Forester, the Board members are proposing to produce this advice on a revised version of the strategy, when the latter is available.

The Agreement also provides that the development of the mixed stand strategy shall be done in consultation with the Board. In this regard, I wish to inform you that we remain available to participate in the revision process of the strategy that was presented to us.

Yours truly,

Jean-Pierre Gauthier  
Chairman of the Board