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B.C. Competition Council

### **COMPETITION COUNCIL REPORTS ON FOREST INDUSTRY**

Co-chaired by former premier Dan Miller and former Teck-Cominco CEO David Thompson, the B.C. Competition Council was established by Premier Gordon Campbell in March 2005.

In addition to David Thompson and Dan Miller, other council members are:

- David Black, president and owner of Black Press, the largest private newspaper publisher in Canada.
- Bev Briscoe, chartered accountant and chair of the Industry Training Authority.
- Russell Horner, president and CEO of Catalyst Paper Corporation.
- Judi Korbin, independent arbitrator and mediator with experience in both the public and private sectors.
- Daniel Muzyka, Dean of the Sauder School of Business at UBC.
- Gerri Sinclair, technology executive, member of federal Telecommunications Policy Review Panel, and former president of the Premier's Technology Council.
- Roger Stanyer, forestry and labour relations consultant.

The Competition Council established Industry Advisory Committees (IACs) for each industry being reviewed. Attached to the Council's report on the Forest industry are the two reports submitted to the Council by the Wood Products IAC and the Pulp and Paper IAC.

The Wood Products Industry Advisory Committee is chaired by John Allan, President and CEO of the Council of Forest Industries. The Pulp and Paper Industry Advisory Committee is chaired by Russell Horner.

The Competition Council is in the process of examining 12 key sectors of the B.C. economy, including wood products, and pulp and paper. By June 2006, the Council is expected to submit recommendations for action that can be taken by industry and by government to improve the province's competitiveness.

The other 10 sectors are: manufacturing; transportation; biotechnology; construction and housing; mining; tourism; oil and gas; high technology; film and media; and professional services. The Council will publicly release a final report after it completes its review of all twelve industries. All final reports submitted to the Council from its Industry Advisory Committees will be released to the public.

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