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**FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 16  
REGISTERED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

**Corner Brook, October 1, 2001** - Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited (CBPP) announced today that it has submitted its 2002-2006 Five-Year Plan for Forest Management District (FMD) 16 to the Department of Environment for environmental review.

Kevin Sheahan, CBPP's Vice-President and General Manager said "the current proposal is straight-forward. We are proposing to continue our operations in FMD 16 in a sustainable manner. FMD 16 is an integral part of our timber supply as it supplies approximately one-quarter of the annual timber we need to operate our mill. We have prepared a comprehensive registration which includes our proposed harvesting plan and an environmental evaluation of the harvesting activities we plan to undertake".

CBPP's environmental evaluation is comprehensive and provides a discussion of various issues identified through the public planning meetings. Each issue was subjected to an evaluation using the available information on the issue from within the areas of concern as well as relevant literature on mitigation practices from around North America. For all appropriate issues, mitigation measures have been identified and a prediction made of the residual impact of the undertaking.

CBPP's Five-Year Operating Plan for FMD 16 will undergo examination in accordance with the requirements of the *Newfoundland Environmental Assessment Act (NEAA)*. Prior to submitting this Five-Year Plan, CBPP completed 17 public planning meetings and two one-day workshops so that issues from interested and concerned individuals, government agencies, and non-government agencies could be addressed. This process began over 12 months ago as a combined process for all parties interested in pursuing forest harvesting operations in FMD 16.

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper employs some 1500 people directly in 40-50 communities throughout the province. The Company's annual payroll is in excess of \$63 million. Forest management activities in FMD 16 support more than 200 jobs in the Company's mill and woodlands operations. As well CBPP provides logs to integrated sawmills in FMD 16, thus supporting significant additional economic activity and the associated employment in the district.

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