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CSA PUBLISHES NEW STANDARD FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Toronto, ON—Canadian Standards Association (CSA), Canada's leading developer of standards and codes, has released the new edition of its standard for Sustainable Forest Management, CSA Z809-02. The goal of the standard is to help ensure the sustainable management of Canada's forests.

CSA's new Sustainable Forest Management standard combines CSA's guidance and requirement standards – Z809:1996 and Z808:1996 – into a single comprehensive document. This new edition outlines the requirements that forest managers must follow to demonstrate to customers and the public that forests are managed in an inclusive, responsible and sustainable manner. The Standard also includes new elements addressing important sustainability issues such as protected areas, biological diversity and Aboriginal rights and new requirements that reflect the current national and international views on sustainable forest management.

“CSA is pleased to have collaborated with stakeholders from the Canadian forestry industry, consumers, environmental groups, Aboriginal communities, academia and the general public to develop a single, comprehensive standard on Sustainable Forest Management,” says Pat Keindel, President, Standards, Canadian Standards Association. “Our new standard will help to ensure the long-term viability of Canada's forests while providing clear guidelines for sustainable forest management. ”

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"Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) supports the new edition of CSA's Standard for Sustainable Forest Management, as we believe it will assist companies in achieving FPAC members' commitment to 3rd party forestry-specific certification to one of the three major standards in Canada by the end of 2006," said Jean-Pierre Martel, Sr. VP Sustainability, Forest Products Association of Canada. " We are impressed with the forest industry's implementation of the CSA Standard, which at the end of 2002 has resulted in certification of some 14.4 million hectares across Canada. The acceptance of the CSA standard is very impressive and is a sign of industry's transparency and willingness to open its doors to 3rd party audits and to engage in rigorous public participation processes."

Canadian Standards Association (CSA) is a membership association serving industry, government, consumers and other interested parties in Canada and the global marketplace. A leading developer of standards and codes, CSA aims to enhance public safety, improve quality of life, preserve the environment and facilitate trade. To help people understand and apply standards, CSA offers information products and training. Canadian Standards Association is a division of CSA Group, which consists of CSA, CSA International for product testing and certification, and, QMI for management system registration.