



# 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

## SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

### MANITOBA SOLID WOOD DIVISION

#### Executive Summary

Tolko's Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Plan for forest management on Manitoba's Forest Management Licence (FML) Area No.2 received Canadian Standards Association (CSA) certification October 2004. Documents relating to the SFM activities on the FML Area are available on the website at [www.tolkomanitoba.com](http://www.tolkomanitoba.com). Planning for forest management on the FML Area follows requirements outlined under *the Forest Act* and the FML Agreement. The current Forest Management Plan (FMP) covers the period 1997 to 2009 inclusive. The Company is licensed under the Manitoba *Environment Act* and this licence also outlines certain requirements that are to be met.

Review of the SFM process is undertaken in several formats. The Environmental Management System (EMS)/ SFM Tolko staff committee met 8 times during 2005. Annual meetings are held for both Company staff and contractors to review EMS and CSA. The FML Area Forestry Resource Advisory Committee (FRAC) met 3 times in 2005 to discuss different aspects of CSA. Company staff review requirements at each block through tailgate meetings with contractors and monitor progress of the block through operation inspections. The SFM plan was audited twice in 2005.

Highlights from 2005 include:

- Implementation of Opportunities for Improvements (OFIs) from certification audit
- Continuation of CSA certification after surveillance audit
- Continuing development, refinement and documentation of public consultation process
- Revision of the Operators Guide to The Forest Management Planning & Operating Practices
- Development of coarse woody debris survey and completion of the survey of 11 harvest blocks
- Bulldozing remains less than 5% of productive land
- Roads remain well below target of 0.05% of productive land
- No violations for soil disturbance, working near water or non-timber uses

- After 2 years road decommissioning has achieved 82.6% of 5 year target
- Above target for value of contracts undertaken with local contractors
- Aboriginal Cultural Awareness training completed

Issues for 2005:

- Unable to meet target of 100% of first year blocks of Annual Operating Plan (AOP) subject to Pre Harvest Forest Investigation (PHFI) survey
- Standing structure field surveys not completed on all blocks
- Remedial action required to meet Free-To-Grow (FTG) standards on 21% of blocks surveyed
- 189 hectares did not to meet target of all blocks regenerated within 3 years. Will be treated in 2006

Plans for 2006 include review of seven indicators and implementation of OFIs from internal and surveillance audit.