

## **Corporate Sustainability Statement**

Taan Forest Limited Partnership (Taan) is committed to creating a successful forest business and economy on <u>X</u>aayda Gwaay.yaay *Haida Gwaii* based on the management principles of the Strategic Land Use Agreement. The underlying goal is to maximize the benefits from the forest resource on <u>X</u>aayda Gwaay.yaay *Haida Gwaii* and for the <u>X</u>aaydaa Gwaay<u>G</u>alang *Haida Nation*. Specifically, manage for long term sustainability, increase the number of local logging and manufacturing jobs on <u>X</u>aayda Gwaay.yaay *Haida Gwaii*, extract the best value possible from the areas harvested, and manage the business prudently and effectively.

Our vision will be supported through the development and implementation of a Forest Management Plan and Corporate Management System to guide our forest management and marketing activities as well as our custom cut lumber programs, consistent with the following principles:

- Commitment to the health and safety of employees, contractors and the public (including provisions to ensure protection from discrimination or harassment);
- Identification of applicable legal requirements related to forest management activities and the development and implementation of systems and procedures to ensure compliance;
- Encourage procurement of local goods and services;
- Support training initiatives for employees, contractors and local communities to promote skill development and local employment opportunities;
- Foster continual improvement of our management systems and activities through the implementation of advances in science and technology as well as monitoring programs that support adaptive management principles;
- Provide opportunities for open communication and public participation processes;
- Conduct activities in a manner that reflects respect and concern for the natural environment in addition to the traditional way of life for the Haida Nation; and
- Communicate these principles to our employees, contractors and to the public

Taan will not be directly, or indirectly, involved in the following activities:

- Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products;
- Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations;
- Destruction of high conservation values in forest operations;
- Significant conversion of forests to plantations and non-forestry use;
- Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations; and
- Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions, as defined in the ILP Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 1998.

Candace Dennis, CEO

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