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Today, I was pleased to visit the Columbia Forest Products mill in Rutherglen to announce the release of *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*. The final strategy is the result of listening to our partners in industry, municipalities and Indigenous communities, and I appreciate the input you and our other partners provided as we finalized this important document.

As the province continues to safely and gradually reopen, our government is committed to supporting the forest sector through the economic recovery ahead.

Ontario's forest industry is critical to the provincial economy and to many Indigenous, Northern and rural communities, generating over \$18 billion in revenue and supporting almost 147,000 direct and indirect jobs.

The final Forest Sector Strategy is about helping the sector reach its full potential while ensuring forests are managed sustainably now and for future generations.

I will soon be providing more information on the Advisory Group and its working groups that will be guiding the implementation of the Forest Sector Strategy.

Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy can be found online at www.ontario.ca/page/sustainable-growth-ontarios-forest-sector-strategy.

Ontario is a world leader in sustainable forestry, and we know that for Ontario's forest industry to remain strong and vibrant in the long term, we need to ensure that our

Crown forests remain healthy, diverse, and productive. We will continue to work with Indigenous partners, the forest industry and municipalities to implement actions outlined in the strategy.

Sincerely,

John Yakabuski
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

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