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Dear Partner in Forest Tenure Modernization:

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, in collaboration with the Forest Tenure Modernization Oversight Group (Oversight Group), has successfully completed the Review of Forest Tenure Models project (the Project). The Project began approximately three years ago to assess the performance and effectiveness of Ontario's various forest tenure models.

I am pleased to inform you that the Honourable Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, has accepted the eight recommendations made by the Oversight Group in its May 2017 report. Planning will now begin in order to implement these recommendations. Early engagement of the Oversight Group members and its constituencies will be essential to preparing a plan and implementing it.

Thanks to all who have supported the Project through input into the measures, participation in the KBM 2016 review process and/or providing input to Oversight Group members on the draft recommendations; the Forest Industry Division appreciates your involvement. I also wish to sincerely thank the Oversight Group members for the commitment, passion and collaborative spirit they demonstrated throughout the Project.

You can find the Oversight Group's Report to the Minister and KBM's 2016 report and summary on the review of Ontario's forest tenure models at: http://www.foresttenuremodernization.ripplegroup.ca/cms/.

Should you have any questions about the Project or its outcomes, including the ongoing implementation of the Oversight Group Report's recommendations, please contact Heather Barns at 705-541-2161 or heather.barns@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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