

Media Release

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OFIA Announces the Appointment of Ian Dunn, President and CEO

Toronto, Ontario – The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Ian Dunn as President and Chief Executive Officer effective April 15, 2021. Ian will also serve as President of the Canadian Lumberman's Association (CLA).

Ian is a Registered Professional Forester with a master's degree in forest conservation. In 2018, he was appointed by Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Ontario Species at Risk Program Advisory Committee. In 2019, Ian was a recipient of the Canadian Forest Industries Magazine's "Top 10 Under 40" award for next generation leaders. He has worked in forestry and environmental management roles throughout Ontario and Canada. Ian began his employment with the OFIA in 2015 and has served as Director of Forest Policy, Executive Director of Policy and Operations, and most recently as Interim President and CEO.

"I would like to thank the OFIA membership and Board of Directors for this opportunity," said Mr. Dunn. "From supporting economic development in partnership with stakeholders and rights holders, to the adaptation and mitigation of climate change, I have seen the ability of this industry to address some of society's biggest challenges, and I am proud to represent it."

Roger Barber, Chair of the Board of Directors, said, "Ian has a keen interest in forest sector policy and has distinguished himself as a dedicated advocate for the forest industry and the communities who rely on this sector for their economic health. He has worked closely with the Board of Directors for the last six years, and we are confident that under his leadership, the OFIA will continue to provide significant value to its members and the province as a whole."

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For 78 years, the OFIA has represented forestry companies ranging from multinational corporations to family-owned businesses across Ontario. OFIA's member companies produce a variety of renewable forest products, including dimensional lumber, pulp and paper, packaging, energy, and engineered wood products. OFIA members invest heavily into advanced research, development, and innovative technologies. Today, Ontario's forest industry generates over \$18 billion in revenue and supports nearly 147,000 direct and indirect jobs in communities across the province.

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