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CITW 2004 Annual General Meeting

The dates for the CITW 2004 Annual General Meeting have now been confirmed for March 31 to April 2, 2004 in Montreal, Quebec. Location for the meeting is in the historical setting of old Montreal at the Marriott Springhill Suites, 445 rue St-Jean-Baptiste.

The program will begin with the Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday afternoon followed by a General Reception for all delegates that evening.

Thursday's program will include the AGM followed by a meeting of one of the standing committees. Herb Estreicher of Keller &

Heckman, Washington DC is slated to provide an update on regulatory issues in the United States. John Wilkinson representing the Penta Task Force has agreed to brief delegates on issues related to pentachlorophenol. Additional details will be announced as they become available. The evening program will include a social event as yet to be determined.

Meetings of the remaining standing committees will round out the program on Friday.

Delegates are encouraged to make reservations directly with the hotel by calling 514-875-4333 or toll free at 1-866-875-4333. Mention the

CITW or Canadian Institute of Treated Wood to get our special conference rate of \$135.00 single/double. Cut-off date is March 5, 2004.

CCA Issues / PMRA

Just before the Christmas break CITW requested an emergency meeting with PMRA to discuss issues related to the newly revised CCA registration labels.

On January 9, 2004 Henry Walthert was joined by: Paul Dandy, Arch Wood Protection Canada Corp.; Cliff Baker, Timber Specialties Ltd.; and Kevin Archer, Chemical Specialties Inc. (by phone) at PMRA headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario to meet with Richard Aucoin, Acting Chief

Registrar, Jeff Parsons, Hang Tang and John Worgan.	agricultural uses and residential markets where this product is still acceptable have also been eliminated.	new programs and initiatives to enhance the value of CITW membership.
The CITW position was presented as follows:		With the assistance of facilitator, Ian Cook, Fulcrum Associates Inc. the group examined the current role and activities of the Institute and developed a series of priorities for the Institute. Our standing committees will be asked to develop action plans at the upcoming meetings in April.
CITW believes that CCA issues are related to end use - that is residential vs. industrial/commercial/agricultural.	PMRA acknowledged the concerns suggesting that the preservative registrants for ACQ and CA should develop use pattern wording for the registration labels that reflected the U.S. labels. CITW is working with the registrants and PMRA to facilitate this process.	
CITW maintains its view, first expressed to PMRA in January 2002, that a variety of preservatives are required by the treating industry to deliver a host of products to a broad range of customers.	Changes to the CCA registration labels are very unlikely. Some minor adjustments to bring the Canadian labels in line with the U.S. will be considered. CITW highlighted the export issue however a response from PMRA has not been received to date.	Special thanks to the participants: Craig Frohlich, Tom Moryto, Ian Jones, Brad Burmeister, Paul Dandy, Paul Gravel, Mary-Anne Dalkowski, Nigel Banks and associate member Jim Mogan. Thanks as well to Ben Lucas and Peter Mason for providing their comments and suggestions into the process.
Upon examination of the CCA labels it has become apparent that the industry has lost the ability to treat many sawn products for use in industrial/ commercial/ agricultural applications even though round material for similar uses is acceptable.	CITW Strategic Planning Session	Creosote Issues / PMRA
The current registrations for ACQ and CA do not allow for treatment of these products for industrial/ commercial/ agricultural applications effectively eliminating a portion of a very important market sector. CITW is concerned that this market sector will be lost to competing products.	The CITW Board of Directors met in Toronto on Wednesday January 21 and Thursday January 22, 2004 to participate in an intense strategic planning session designed to assist the Institute in setting a direction to the year 2007.	The posting of a preliminary risk assessment by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in December 2003 prompted PMRA to release a reevaluation note requesting comments on the assessment be submitted by February 5, 2004. Creosote Council III will be submitting a response to EPA and PMRA.
Export markets for CCA pressure treated wood for some industrial/ commercial/	The industry has changed a great deal since our last planning session in the fall of 1998 and President Craig Frohlich saw an opportunity for the Institute to develop	On January 14, 2004 PMRA wrote to creosote treating facilities across Canada suggesting interim

precautionary measures for workers.

CITW and the two Canadian registrants (Vft Inc. and Koppers Inc.) along with John Butala, Creosote Council III have raised a number of related issues with PMRA and have requested a meeting in late February. Thermal treatment with creosote, brush grade creosote, the preliminary risk assessment and risk mitigation label language proposed by PMRA including rationale will comprise the agenda.

Interprovincial Movement of Hazardous Waste Regulations Delayed

Suggested amendments to the Interprovincial Movement of Hazardous Waste Regulations (IMHWR) under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, that were expected to appear in Canada Gazette Part I during the summer of 2003 have been postponed to fall 2004. The delay is said to be because of the need to harmonize the changes with amendments to the Export and Import of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Materials Regulations(EIHWHRM) which was scheduled to be

published in Canada Gazette Part 1 in December 2003.

PMRA Issues Update on Re-evaluation of Creosote
December 5th 2003 Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) issued re-evaluation Note, REV2003-09, update on the re-evaluation of Heavy Duty Wood Preservative Creosote. In Canada creosote is under co-operative re-evaluation between the PMRA and the US Environmental Protection Agency along with pentachlorophenol and chromated copper arsenate(CCA). The notice of availability of preliminary risk assessment for creosote re-registration eligibility decision; was published in the Federal Register on December 5th 2003 by the EPA. The PMRA invites those interested to obtain the documentation for the US preliminary risk assessment and forward comments to the EPA by February 3, 2004 and themselves within 60 days from the publication date of REV2003-09. The PMRA has begun identifying and introducing, as an interim measure, enhanced exposure mitigations measures for workers in creosote pressure treatment facilities even though the

US risk assessment is still in its preliminary stages.

Court Dismisses Industry Challenge of Pesticide By-Law

CropLife Canada's application which challenged City of Toronto By-law 456-2003 to prohibit the use of pesticides; was dismissed in Ontario's Superior court December 8th 2003. CropLife Canada is an industry body representing the producers of pesticide products. According to the courts the by-law is legal under Ontario's Municipal Act and does not conflict with provincial or federal pesticide legislation. The managing lawyer of the Sierra Legal defense Fund (SLDF), who represented the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and World Wildlife Fund Canada in the case had this to say "We are absolutely delighted that the Ontario court has followed the lead of the Supreme Court of Canada in finding that municipalities have the power to protect citizens from the risks of pesticides".

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