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CITW Meets with PMRA Executive Director

For the second time in three months CITW Executive Director Henry Walthert participated in a meeting with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency's new Executive Director Dr. Karen Dodds.

The first occasion was a CITW initiated meeting in late March to discuss issues related to the expansion of the registration labels for ACQ and CA. The meeting was also attended by Stella-Jones Inc. President Brian McManus.

The most recent meeting on June 22 was initiated by the Coast Forest Products Association to discuss issues

surrounding the revision of CCA labels to include the treatment of wood for export purposes. H. Walthert was asked to attend by Rick Jeffery, Executive Director, CFPA.

Dr. Dodds showed a keen interest in understanding the concerns of industry and displayed a willingness to work with our members to improve communications and facilitate registration of wood preservation products.

Pest Management Advisory Council

The Pest Management Advisory Council, tasked with reporting to the Minister of Health, on activities related to the Pest

Management Regulatory Agency, held its most recent meeting in Ottawa, ON from June 6-7, 2005. The PMAC normally meets twice per year.

CITW Executive Director Henry Walthert was reappointed by The Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health for a second two year term on the PMAC. The Council is chaired by Mr. Ambrose Hearn and includes a cross-section of stakeholders including industry, pesticide users, health experts, environmental groups and labour.

The main focus of this meeting was the implementation of the new Pest Control Products Act.

PMRA expects to have most regulations in place by the end of 2005. The new Act and regulations will improve the transparency of the pesticide registration process. In addition, other information like economic impacts will have a role in future of pesticides registration.

Environment Canada / CITW Workshops

CITW and Environment Canada completed a cross-country series of workshops from May 24 to June 2, 2005 to update treaters on the status of the SOP TRD implementation program.

Attendance at all of the sessions exceeded expectations as treating plant owners and operators were anxious to learn more about the upcoming deadline for the TRD implementation process, the final audits and the ongoing certification program developed by CITW.

Approximately 15 plants are expected to complete their final audits this year with the balance completed by late

summer 2006. The certification program will be launched upon completion of the last plant audit.

North American Transmission & Distribution Exposition

CITW and the North American Wood Pole Council had an exhibit at the NATD exposition in Toronto, Ontario on May 10-11th 2005. This was the first time attending the trade show and unfortunately it was predominantly exhibitors. This trade show will probably not be attended in the future as the benefits from attending did not outweigh the costs involved. CITW will continue to attend CUEE (Canadian Utilities & Equipment Exposition) which is every second year in Toronto with the next show being spring 2006.

Canadian Wood Preservation Certification Authority Update

The CWPCA task-force is continuing to make progress and is currently reviewing the expressions of interest

sent by the auditing companies we contacted for this contract. Thank you to everyone that applied for the review panel; a selection will be made by the end of the month and all applicants will be contacted. The first final TRD audits are going to begin late this month.

Lord Elgin CITW Room Rate

CITW is pleased to announce that it has made an agreement with the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa for CITW members. The hotel is conveniently situated in beautiful downtown Ottawa only steps from Parliament and many other amenities. The rate is a static \$139.99 CDN anytime of the year; if you plan on visiting in the summer months it is suggested you ask about their promotions because they may be cheaper. Once the fall and winter months approach however our rate will become much more attractive. You can browse their facilities at www.lordelginhotel.ca.

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