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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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### **BELOW COST TIMBER SALES ACT**

*(Assented to , 1991)*

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the  
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

(a) "annual allowable cut" means the total volume of timber that may be harvested in one year or the total amount of forested land on which the timber may be harvested in one year;

(b) "below cost timber sale" means any disposal of Crown timber by the Minister pursuant to the provisions of the Forests Act that fail to generate a positive net return to the Provincial Treasury;

(c) "Minister" means the Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife;

(d) "net return" means the difference between actual cash returns to the Provincial Treasury from the disposal of Crown timber and actual appropriated expenditures.

2 "Appropriated expenditures" shall include all expenses incurred by the Minister in disposing of Crown timber, including the administration of sale preparation, harvest administration, timber sale planning, enforcement of the Forests Act and the Regulations thereunder, and collection of fees, costs and levies; as well as silvicultural examination, support from other resource programmes, forestry road design and construction, transportation planning, reforestation and timber stand improvement, forest genetics research, facilities construction, timber programme

general administration and timber costs allocated to individual forested lands on the basis of harvest volume.

Programme to be developed

3 The Minister shall develop and implement a programme to eliminate all below-cost timber sales of Crown timber over a five-year period beginning in the fiscal year 1992 and such programme to come into effect no later than March 15, 1992.

Programme to eliminate below-cost timber sales

4 The programme shall implement the following:

(a) the reduction, commencing October 1, 1991, of all below-cost timber sales for all Crown timber by 20 per cent for the fiscal year 1992;

(b) the systematic elimination of all below-cost timber sales over the subsequent four fiscal years, beginning with those below-cost timber sales that would result in the highest negative net return;

(c) a means of ensuring that there will be positive annual net returns from the disposal of all Crown timber by March 15, 1997;

(d) the systematic reduction of the annual allowable cut in direct proportion to that portion of the annual allowable cut attributable to those lands which are removed from the forest land base because they have consistently failed to generate a positive net return; and

(e) the maintenance of stringent environmental and forest management standards for all timber sales.

Annual Report

5 The Minister shall make a full report to the Legislative Assembly on the implementation of the programme on an annual basis.

Conflict with Forests Act

6 Where any provision of this Act conflicts with any provision of the Forests Act or any Regulation thereunder, or the Public Lands Act or any Regulation thereunder, this Act shall prevail.