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PCA CASE NO. 2016-13: RESOLUTE FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. V. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

THE HAGUE, OCTOBER, 11, 2021

Hearing on the Merits and Damages

Pursuant to Article 14 of the 1976 Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the agreement of the Disputing Parties, a hearing on the merits and damages in the arbitration between Resolute Forest Products Inc. and the Government of Canada will be held from Monday, October 18, 2021 to Tuesday, October 19, 2021. The arbitral proceedings are being conducted pursuant to Chapter Eleven of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

The hearing will be held by videoconference. Opening statements of the Disputing Parties are scheduled to take place on October 18, 2021 from 8:00am EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) to 2:30pm EDT and rebuttal statements of the Disputing Parties are scheduled to take place on October 19, 2021 from 9:00am EDT to 12:00 noon EDT. The hearing will be transmitted to the public via live-feed. Those wishing to access the livestream of the hearing are requested to register in advance, by sending an e-mail to registration@pca-cpa.org.

In addition to live streaming of the hearing, a transcript of the hearing will be uploaded to the PCA website following the conclusion of the hearing.

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Background of the Dispute

Pursuant to Article 1120 of NAFTA and the 1976 UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, through a Notice of Arbitration dated December 30, 2015, Resolute Forest Products Inc., on its own behalf and on behalf of its subsidiary, Resolute FP Canada Inc., instituted arbitral proceedings against the Government of Canada. The Tribunal is composed of Professor Bernard Hanotiau (President); Dean Ronald A. Cass and Professor Céline Lévesque. The Permanent Court of Arbitration acts as Registry in this arbitration.

Further information about the case, the Tribunal's orders and the Parties' pleadings, are available on the PCA's website at <https://pcacases.com/web/view/142>.

Background on the Permanent Court of Arbitration

The Permanent Court of Arbitration is an intergovernmental organization established by the 1899 Hague Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. The PCA has 122 Contracting Parties. Headquartered at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, the PCA facilitates arbitration, conciliation, fact-finding, and other dispute resolution proceedings among various combinations of States, State entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties. The PCA's International Bureau is currently administering 7 inter-State disputes, 105 investor-State arbitrations, 64 cases arising under contracts involving a State or other public entity, and 2 other disputes. More information about the PCA can be found at www.pca-cpa.org.

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