LONG SHOT HOLDINGS LTD SAFETY ALERT

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BC Forest Safety Council,
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Subject: Fire in the sort yard

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DETAILS OF INCIDENT: On June 13, 2009 a member of the public noticed smoke coming out of the Poirier Sort Yard in Terrace, BC. They immediately phoned the Terrace Fire Department who then responded to the smouldering fire at 3:20 pm. Long Shot Holdings Ltd management was informed shortly after and went to access the situation. Upon arrival at 4:00 pm the TFD was gone, the area of the fire had been soaked down with water; the area was approximately 2x6 ft in diameter. This area had some left over bark and small tiny pieces of wood and bark dust. There was smoke still coming out of the ground at this time so a water tank was hauled in to soak the area again, this was done twice to ensure the ground was saturated. The area was closely monitored for the night as to ensure the fire did not restart again.

INVESTIGATION: Upon interviewing the Terrace Fire Dept. we were told that there were no initial flames upon their arrival. They put out the fire and made sure that a company representative was called. They did not know what the cause of the fire was but they had said that the fire could have been smoldering for up to two days before it was called in. This fire happened on the weekend; there were two buckers working in the early morning of that day but neither workers noticed smoke in the area. The whole sort yard is highly flammable; including the dust which is ground up bark and wood from many years of working on.

RECOMMENDED PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS: A safety meeting was held and all workers were reminded to butt out there cigarettes including watering down the flame before butting out. All heavy equipment will be pressure washed to ensure that dust or dirt does not pile up in and around the hazard areas of the equipment ensuring there is no friction to cause a spark. A water tanker was brought in and the sort yard was water downed to keep the yard wet. The tanker will stay at the yard for the duration of the fire season. All workers reviewed the fire fighting procedures and emergency evacuation procedures.

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