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## Interfor and Heiltsuk Nation Sign MOU to Strengthen Relationship

Interfor and the Heiltsuk Nation signed an agreement today that will strengthen their relationship through mutual trust, respect and understanding.

"Through successful and strong relationships with First Nations, Interfor is able to build value for communities by supporting a healthy economy and environment," said Ralph Friedrich, General Manager of Interfor's Coastal Woodlands Division. "We care about the matters of importance to the Heiltsuk Nation and we look forward to working with them to advance their interests while providing the certainty our business needs to operate and deliver social, cultural and economic value."

"Through the agreement, we can develop the trust and understanding that are essential for a strong working relationship," said Kelly Brown, Director of the Heiltsuk Integrated Resource Management Department. "This will allow us to explore a wider range of opportunities and achieve mutual benefits."

Interfor has a number of tenures in Heiltsuk Nation traditional territory on British Columbia's Central Coast. The memorandum of understanding will include a framework showing how Interfor and the Heiltsuk Nation can engage in matters of common interest relating to these tenures.

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## **ABOUT INTERFOR**

Interfor is a growth-oriented lumber company with operations in Canada and the United States. The Company has annual production capacity of 2.6 billion board feet and offers one of the most diverse lines of lumber products to customers around the world. For more information about Interfor, visit our website at <a href="https://www.interfor.com">www.interfor.com</a>.

## **ABOUT HEILTSUK NATION**

The <u>Heiltsuk Nation</u> is centred in the Village of Bella Bella, and its descendants have lived in what is now British Columbia's Central Coast region for at least 10,000 years.

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