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### Tentative Collective Agreement Reached

#### Between La-kwa sa muqw Forestry and USW Local 1-1937

**Campbell River, British Columbia, January 16, 2026** – La-kwa sa muqw Forestry Limited Partnership (LKSM) and the United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 (USW) are pleased to announce that they have reached a tentative collective agreement covering USW-represented employees at LKSM's TFL 64 operation on eastern Vancouver Island.

The tentative agreement is subject to a ratification vote by USW members and approval by the LKSM Board of Directors. The USW bargaining committee has advised that they will be recommending that its members accept this agreement. No details of the tentative agreement will be released prior to the ratification vote.

The agreement was reached with the assistance of the BC Labour Relations Board who helped the parties return to negotiations and reach this tentative settlement.

**About LKSM:** The Tlowitsis, We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum and K'ómoks First Nations (the "Nations," all member First Nations of the Nanwakolas Council), and Western Forest Products Inc. announced in March 2024 the completion of an agreement for the Nations to acquire a 34% interest from Western in a newly formed Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") for \$35.9 million. The Partnership consists of certain assets and liabilities of Western's former Mid-Island Forest Operation, including Tree Farm Licence 64.

**About USW Local 1-1937:** USW Local 1-1937 a large and diverse geographic Local Union, representing over 5000 workers in all sectors of the economy in coastal British Columbia, including all of Vancouver Island, all coastal Islands including Haida Gwaii and the mainland coast from the Alaskan and Yukon border south to the Washington State border. The Local Union is part of the largest private sector union in North America (the United Steelworkers) with more than 225,000 members in Canada and 850,000 in North America.

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