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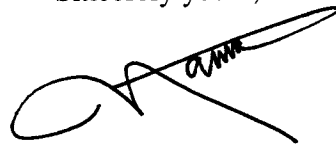
**Re: Merrill & Ring Forestry L.P. v. Government of Canada
NAFTA/UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules Proceeding**

Dear Mr. Appleton and Ms. Kinnear,

Further to my letter of August 16, 2007, I am pleased to confirm that the Secretary-General of ICSID has appointed Prof. Francisco Orrego Vicuña as the presiding arbitrator in the above-mentioned case and to inform you that Prof. Orrego Vicuña has accepted this appointment. Please find attached a copy of Prof. Orrego Vicuña's acceptance.

We are sending to all three arbitrators, Prof. Francisco Orrego Vicuña, Prof. Kenneth W. Dam and Mr. J. William Rowley, copies of all the communications that ICSID has received from or sent to the parties in relation to this case. Please find attached additional copies of these communications.

Sincerely yours,



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Attachments