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## Log-hauling regs changing

There have been several changes in Commercial Transport Regulations that will affect log-hauling this winter. The updated regulation can be found on the internet at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/freeside/--%20c%20--/commercial%20transport%20act%20%20rsbc%201996%20%20c.%2058/05\\_regulations/11\\_30\\_78%20commercial%20transport%20regulations/30\\_78.xml](http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/freeside/--%20c%20--/commercial%20transport%20act%20%20rsbc%201996%20%20c.%2058/05_regulations/11_30_78%20commercial%20transport%20regulations/30_78.xml)

The CILA is checking the changes and will provide a summary to members in the next few days.

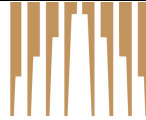
## Around the industry

**ICBC** has launched a “Get a Grip” campaign in north-central B.C. to convince drivers to get and use snow tires. Through November, ICBC will be giving away \$1,000 at hockey games in seven northern communities – Nov. 3 in Williams Lake and Terrace, Nov. 9 in Prince George, Nov. 10 in Smithers, Nov. 14 in Dawson Creek, Nov. 28 in Fort St. John and Nov. 30 in Quesnel.

**Alberta** wants federal help to deal with the invasion of mountain pine beetles that have swept across the Rockies from B.C. into Alberta as far east as Slave Lake, 150 kms north of Edmonton.

**Interfor's** sale of \$19 million worth of property let it show net earnings of \$9.7 million for the third quarter of 2009, compared with a loss of \$15.0 million in the second quarter of 2009 and a loss of \$8.1 million in the third quarter of 2008.

**Canfor Pulp Income Fund** reports sales of \$202 million in the quarter, compared to \$215.4 million for the same period last year. Strong demand for pulp, particularly in China, helped boost third-quarter profits, although the higher Canadian dollar was a drag on its results.



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## Join the CILA – and save money!

The CILA is pleased to announce two new great new ways to help CILA member companies *and their employees* save money:

1. Starting in mid-November, Summit Insurance will be offering **discounts of up to 15%** on the book rate for homeowners insurance. This will be available to qualifying owners and employees of all CILA member companies -- loggers, truckers, road-builders, suppliers, consultants, forestry professionals and others in our membership base. Normal underwriter conditions will apply. Summit will also contribute 1.5% of all premiums to the CILA, to help promote and grow your Association. [Kudos to Al Delwo and the Summit Insurance team for creating this tremendous opportunity for CILA members.](#)
2. Via a partnership with Mark's WorkWarehouse, CILA members will receive **10% discount cards** for all Mark's WorkWarehouse purchases, not only for themselves, but for their employees and their families. CILA members, their employees and their families can use their discount cards at any Mark's Workwarehouse store (locations in Williams Lake, Quesnel, Smithers, Terrace, Prince George, Dawson Creek and Fort St John) to purchase any product the stores carry, including work clothing, safety gear, footwear, and outerwear.

These two new affinity programs are very strong additions to the CILA's member services, which now include a very competitive medical benefits program, the Fountain Tire rebate program and the KPMG-CILA operating cost program.

We also have a wide array of communications and information tools – this newsletter, the weekly 'members-only' activities update, and the Confidential Guide series of bulletins on business practices, regulations and opportunities.



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Having two programs that extend cost-savings to employees and families of our CILA members is unique, and provides another useful tool to help members recruit and retain key qualified workers.

But . . .we're not done yet. Stay tuned for announcements in the coming weeks about two more new benefits for CILA members -- a new fuel discount program and a hotel affinity (discount) plan.

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### **West Fraser closing Kitimat mill**

West Fraser is closing its Eurocan pulp mill at Kitimat Jan 31, putting 535 people out of work.

Company president Hank Ketcham blamed "a steep decline" in the mill's financial results for the closure. Prices for its products -- linerboard and kraft paper -- are falling, the high Canadian dollar has knocked down revenues, and sawmills in the region have shut down, reducing the supply of low-cost chips for the mill.

Forests Minister Pat Bell said he is disappointed the mill is closing. He wants to talk to Ketcham about the decision. The forests minister said there is growing interest from China in northern B.C.'s crumbling pulp industry, and he wants to make sure all options, including a sale to Chinese interests, have been considered.

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