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James M. Kitz Award presented to Jonathan Lok of Port McNeil, BC

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 – Cornerbrook, NL – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) announced its 2013 national award recipients at a gala banquet held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland yesterday. Several hundred CIF-IFC members from across Canada were in attendance for the Institute's 105th conference and annual general meeting. CIF-IFC President Michel Vallée presented the James M. Kitz Award to Mr. Jonathan Lok of Port McNeil, British Columbia.

The award was created in memory of James Kitz - who was a member of both the Institute and of the College of Alberta Professional Foresters, and passed away at 36 years of age. This award recognizes individuals who make significant, unique and outstanding contributions in the field of forestry, early in their career.

This year's recipient, Mr. Jonathan Lok, is highly deserving of this honour. Mr. Lok is a passionate and dedicated forest professional, a former President of the Association of BC Forest Professionals - their first ever forest technician President; and the Institute's incoming second Vice President for 2013-14. Jon is well known throughout the sector for making efforts to collaborate with other professions and expand the sphere of influence of all resource management professions. He currently runs Strategic Forest Management Inc., based on Vancouver Island - a company of close to 150 employees. Jon is truly dedicated to his company, his employees, his family, and his profession.

The Canadian Institute of Forestry was established in 1908 and currently has over 2300 members. The Institute is the national voice of forest practitioners, promoting science based sustainable forest management, public awareness of interdisciplinary forestry, and a better understanding of good forest stewardship.

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