



## **DISCLAIMER STATEMENT FOR THE 2022 SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT LONG-TERM PLAN**

As stipulated in the Forest Utilization License Renewable Agreement (FULA) with the province of Nova Scotia signed in February 2023, “the Long-term Forest Plan is the Sustainable Forest Management Long-term Forest Plan as prepared by PHP and as approved by the Province on January 2015, excepting for the harvest volume level”.

In 2021, PHP began a joint timber supply analysis with the Forestry Division of the NS Department of Natural Resources & Renewables as an update to the analysis completed in 2015. This analysis was conducted to support the new FULA as the province transitions to a triad forest management system for Crown lands as recommended in the report “An Independent Review of Forest Practices in Nova Scotia” (2018). At the time of the timber supply analysis in 2021, certain components, policies and guidelines related to the ecological matrix and high-production forest areas of the triad framework were not fully developed or finalized.

As the province is now closer to the full implementation of the triad management framework on Crown lands through a forest stewardship planning process, PHP will begin a new and full long-term planning process that meets this new approach beginning in 2023. A new and fully updated strategic plan that incorporates triad management will be developed by December 31, 2026.