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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for R&B Cormier's **R-MAP™** individual tree inventory remote sensing process and aerial calibration plot system.

AbitibiBowater has engaged the services of R&B Cormier for inventory projects for more than a decade, starting with a traditional photo-interpreted inventory combined with a nested plot network consisting of more than 30,000 plots. I have found R&B Cormier to be professional and very diligent. During that time, I have been impressed with R&B Cormier's commitment to innovation and efforts to improve the value of its services to its clients. The latest project, for example, is the creation of an inventory using **R-MAP™** with high resolution aerial digital imagery aimed specifically at predicting the growth potential of managed stands and identifying stands requiring additional treatment. The **R-MAP™** process represents the state of the art in enhanced forest inventory technology. This project also utilized **R-MAP™** aerial calibration plots to increase sampling intensity and accuracy over conventional access biased field sampling methods.

We are pleased with the quality of the results of the project and AbitibiBowater anticipates that this project will improve our operations, volume recovery, and forest management planning outcomes. Should you have any questions or require additional information you may reach me at 807-475-2308 or by email at [john.macgillivray@abitibibowater.com](mailto:john.macgillivray@abitibibowater.com).

Sincerely,



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