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BY EMAIL

November 28, 2023

Michel Lessard
President
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Dear Mr. Lessard:

Re: GreenFirst Forest Products (QC) Inc. (GreenFirst)
Application for an electricity generation licence amendment
File: EB-2023-0342

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) received GreenFirst's application for an electricity generation licence amendment on November 22, 2023. The OEB has assigned file number EB-2023-0342 to the application.

Upon preliminary review of the application, OEB staff has determined it to be incomplete. Accordingly, please be advised that the application cannot be processed until the following missing information is filed:

1. Section D: Kapuskasing Mill

In Section D, the applicant states that "GreenFirst currently relies on the umbrella of the Chapleau OEB Licence in respect of its load facility at its papermill located in Kapuskasing, Ontario (the Kapuskasing Papermill) which purchases its load from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and draws its load directly from Hydro One Network Inc.'s transmission system."

A. Please explain what the applicant means, when the applicant states that the Kapuskasing Papermill is under the umbrella of the Chapleau OEB Licence.

As per section 57 of the *Ontario Energy Board, 1998 Act* ([OEB Act](#)), an entity is required to be licensed by the OEB, as an electricity wholesaler, to own and/or operate the Kapuskasing Papermill in the IESO's administered market.

B. According to the OEB records, following the granting of the electricity generation licence EG-2021-0210 to GreenFirst Forest Products (QC) Inc. on August 19, 2021, the OEB received a [letter](#) on August 23, 2021 from GreenFirst and on August 26, 2021, a [letter](#) from Rayonier Advanced Materials (RAM), notifying the OEB that the transaction between Rayonier A.M. Canada G.P. (RYAM) to transfer the Kapuskasing Papermill facility registration from RYAM to GreenFirst “would likely not occur before the closing of the transaction date of August 28, 2021”. RAM further requested in its letter dated August 26, 2021, that the electricity wholesaler licence EW-2019-0267 for RYAM be reinstated, in order to continue operating the Kapuskasing Papermill until the transaction between RYAM and GreenFirst was closed, and the registration was approved by the IESO. Both GreenFirst and RAM stated that they would notify the OEB when the transaction closed.

1. The OEB did not receive confirmation that the transaction closed and the transfer of the Kapuskasing Papermill facility registration from RYAM to GreenFirst was approved.
2. The OEB did not receive a request from RYAM to cancel the electricity wholesaler licence EW-2019-0267 or to transfer the electricity wholesaler licence EW-2019-0267 from RYAM to GreenFirst to own and/or operate the Kapuskasing Papermill, upon closure of the transaction.
3. The OEB did not receive an electricity wholesaler licence application from GreenFirst for authorization by the OEB to own and/or operate the Kapuskasing Papermill, upon closure of the transaction.

Please submit documentation to show the OEB the date of when the transaction closed, and the Kapuskasing Papermill was assigned to GreenFirst.

C. Please provide the entity’s name and the electricity wholesaler OEB licence no. that authorizes this entity to own and/or operate the Kapuskasing Papermill Facility, in accordance with Section 57 of the OEB Act.

D. Please submit a copy of the Market Participation Agreement with the IESO for the Kapuskasing Papermill Facility.

The OEB will process the application after the noted information is filed with the Registrar at registrar@oeb.ca. Please submit both an electronic Word version and an electronically signed, searchable PDF. If the above information is not filed within 30 days of the date of this letter, the OEB may close the file for this application.

Please note, GreenFirst is responsible for ensuring that the documents it files with the OEB, such as its evidence, responses to interrogatories and any other supporting documentation, do not include personal information (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

Please direct any questions to Natasha Gocool, Advisor, Transmission Policy & Compliance at natasha.gocool@oeb.ca. Please refer to the OEB file number noted above in all future correspondence to the OEB regarding your application.

Yours truly,

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