# Equity Research Initiating Coverage

September 28, 2006

Stock Rating:

#### **Sector Outperformer**

### Sector Weighting: **Underweight**

Net Asset Value

Common Equity

Convertible Available

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12-18 mo. Price Target	\$13.00
CFX UN-TSX (9/28/06)	\$11.59

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Key Indices: None	
3-5-Yr. AFFO Gr. Rate	NA
52-week Range	\$9.50-\$12.25
Units Outstanding	71.3M
Distr. Frequency	\$0.12 Monthly
Avg. Daily Trading Vol.	100,000
Market Capitalization	\$826.4M
DCF Value/Distr. Yield	NA / NA
Fiscal Year Ends	December
Book Value	\$8.50 per Unit
2006 D/CF	NM
LT Debt	\$125.0M

Distributable Cash Flow/Unit	Prev	Current
2005		
2006		\$0.78E
2007		\$1.42E
Payout Ratio		
2005		NM
2006		100.0%
2007		90.1%
2006 represents only the second	d half of the	year

Cash Distribution per Unit	
2005	
2006	\$0.78E
2007	\$1.28E
Cash-on-Cash Yield	
2005	NM
2006	6.7%
2007	11.0%

#### **Company Description**

Canfor Pulp Income Fund operates three market pulp mills in Western Canada that have a combined annual capacity of roughly 1 million tonnes.

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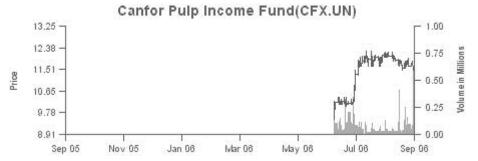
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### Canfor Pulp Income Fund

Initiating Coverage On Our Preferred Pulp Play As Sector Outperformer

- Canfor Pulp's pulp mills have become below-average-cost operations, allowing the fund to generate a good level of cash under our "moderate pulp prices" scenario. We believe that the expected distributions would provide an above-average return within our paper & forest products universe.
- Effective September 28, we are initiating coverage of Canfor Pulp Income Fund with a Sector Outperformer rating and a price target of \$13.00.
- Given the current 90% payout ratio, we are looking for distributions of \$1.28/unit in 2007. Our financial forecasts are lower than the current distribution level of \$1.44/unit, but we do not think the current high pulp prices are sustainable.
- So far this year, pulp prices have improved by US\$110/tonne, but we believe the current price of US\$715/tonne is very close to what we think is a peak for this cycle. We estimate the "trough cycle" price to be US\$640/tonne, which would allow the fund to generate roughly \$0.82/unit.

#### **Stock Price Performance**



Source: Reuters

NM

No

\$606.1M

All figures in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated.

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#### **Introduction**

With a lack of softwood pulp capacity additions and the closure of high-cost mills in North America, we expect an improving supply/demand balance for softwood market pulp and moderate softwood pulp prices over the next two years. At the same time, we expect weakening hardwood pulp prices, resulting from a wall of new capacity coming on stream, mostly in South America. In that context, Canfor Pulp Income Fund (Canfor Pulp) (CFX.UN-SO), as a quasi-pure softwood pulp producer, is an income fund that could provide relatively stable cash flow for the medium term. The objectives of this report are sixfold:

- 1. To offer a description of Canfor Pulp and its strategy;
- 2. To summarize our outlook for pulp prices;
- 3. To provide an analysis of the fund within a SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) framework;
- 4. To assess the distributable cash outlook for Canfor Pulp;
- 5. To estimate the value of the units within a 12- to 18-month horizon;
- 6. To conclude with our recommendation on Canfor Pulp.

Despite the strong Canadian dollar, Canfor's pulp mills have become below-average cost operations on a global basis because of very low wood fiber prices and an increase in energy generation. This low-cost position should allow the fund to generate cash at the bottom of the pulp cycle and mitigates the risk associated with the volatility in pulp prices. In the meantime, moderate pulp prices are allowing the fund to generate a good level of distributable cash. In light of the current unit price, we believe that the expected distributions would provide an above-average return within our paper & forest products universe. Consequently, effective September 28, we are initiating coverage on Canfor Pulp with a Sector Outperformer recommendation and a 12- to 18-month price target of \$13.00.

# **Company Description And Strategy**

On July 1, Canfor Corporation (CFP–SP) spun off to its shareholders 20% of its chemical pulp business in the form of an income fund. The trust's assets include the Northwood pulp mill, Intercontinental pulp mill and Prince George pulp and paper mill, with associated management and employees. Units of the fund trade under the symbol CFX.UN on the TSX. The fund employs approximately 1,250 people.

The spinout offers the following advantages for Canfor Corporation:

- The income fund structure maximizes the value of the pulp business due to its advantageous tax structure.
- The separation of the building materials business from the pulp business allows Canfor Corp.'s management to focus on its core business and management of the pulp business to focus on operating the mills to produce maximum distributable cash.
- The spinout was a tax-efficient method to return capital to shareholders.
- The separation of the building materials business from the pulp business allows Canfor shareholders to participate either separately or on a combined basis in the growth potential of Canfor's building materials business and in the mature pulp business. It also aligns the risks and returns from each asset class, and provides Canfor Corp. shareholders with the ability to alter their participation in each.
- The separation facilitates future growth of the pulp business by:

   decreasing the cost of capital (due to the tax advantage); and
   establishing an unambiguous market value of the assets, which in turn makes relative valuation easier when assessing potential merger opportunities.

Canfor Corp. is entitled to appoint four of the seven directors to the board of the General Partner for as long as it owns not less than 30% of the outstanding units. As long as Canfor Corp. holds not less than a 20% indirect economic interest in the fund, Canfor Corp.'s consent will be required in order to approve certain of the fund's significant transactions.

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Company	Country	Kraft Softwood	Hardwood	Other	Total
Aracruz	Brazil	0	2,980	0	2,980
Weyerhaeuser	North America	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,790
Metsa Botnia (1)	Finland	1,809	891	0	2,700
Tembec	Canada	825	305	1,110	2,240
Sodra	Sweden	1,506	453	94	2,053
Arauco	Chile	1,635	405	3	2,043
April	Singapore	0	2,000	0	2,000
llim	Russia	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,500
IP	U.S.	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,420
Koch Cellulose	U.S.	0	0	1,319	1,319
Mercer	Germany	1,300	0	0	1,300
CMPC Celulosa	Chile	854	376	0	1,230
West Fraser	Canada	585	0	555	1,140
Bowater (1)	North America	446	346	260	1,052
Ence	Spain	0	1,040	0	1,040
Canfor Pulp Income Fund (2)	Canada	1,032	0	0	1,032
VCP	Brazil	0	1,000	0	1,000
Cenibra	Brazil	0	960	0	960
Pope & Talbot	North America	819	0	0	819
Stora Enso	Finland	296	287	216	799
Rottneros	Sweden	194	149	364	707
Portucel	Portugal	0	600	0	600
SFK Pulp	Canada	375	0	0	375

<sup>(1)</sup> Kraft capacities are estimated

Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Canfor Pulp's three pulp and paper mills are located in the Interior region of British Columbia and have an annual capacity to produce over one million tonnes of northern softwood market kraft pulp (90% of which is bleached to become NBSK pulp) and approximately 135,000 tonnes of kraft paper:

- Northwood: A two-line pulp mill with annual production of approximately 570,000 tonnes of NBSK pulp, making it the largest NBSK pulp facility in North America. Northwood's pulp is used to make a variety of products, including printing and writing paper, and tissue and specialty papers, and they are delivered primarily to customers in North America, Europe and Asia.
- Intercontinental (Intercon): A single-line pulp mill with annual production of approximately 310,000 tonnes of NBSK pulp. Intercontinental's pulp is used to make substantially the same products, and is delivered to the same markets, as Northwood's pulp.
- Prince George Pulp & Paper (PG): An integrated two-line pulp and paper mill
  with annual market pulp production of approximately 153,000 tonnes and
  approximately 135,000 tonnes of kraft paper. PG supplies pulp markets in
  North America, Europe and Asia, as well as its internal paper-making
  facilities. The paper mill produces a wide range of both bleached and
  unbleached kraft paper. The mill is the largest producer of its types of
  bleached kraft paper in North America and primarily supplies North
  American and European markets.

Being a new company, Canfor Pulp has not communicated a detailed strategy for the future. However, over time we expect the fund to be a growth vehicle in the pulp business. In the meantime, management will focus primarily on optimizing the current operations.

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<sup>(2) 80%</sup> owned by Canfor Corp.

# The Macro Environment: Moderate Pulp Prices Expected

Over the 2005–2007 period, we forecast the start-up of roughly 8 million tonnes of new capacity. If there were no offsetting closures, global market pulp capacity would increase by 16% over the base at the end of 2004.

Market pulp is the most globally traded commodity in the paper & forest products industry and a raw material in the production of paper and tissue products. The most interesting developments in the market for pulp are on the supply side. Over the 2005–2007 period, we forecast the start-up of roughly 8 million tonnes of new capacity. If there were no offsetting closures, global market pulp capacity would increase by 16% over the base at the end of 2004.

The major expansions in the global pulp industry are:

- The ramp-up in 2005 of a 1-million-Tpy hardwood mill in China by Asia Pulp & Paper (APUUY-OTC) and a 900,000-Tpy hardwood mill by Veracell [a joint venture by Aracruz (ARA-NYSE) and Stora Enso (SEO-NYSE) in Brazil].
- The start-up in 2006 of a 900,000-Tpy mill, which is 50/50 hardwood and softwood, by Arauco in Q1/2006 in Chile and a 780,000-Tpy hardwood mill by CMPC (CMPC-CE) in Q3/2006, also in Chile.
- The start-up in 2007 of two 1-million-Tpy hardwood mills, the first by Suzano (SUZB5-SAO) in Brazil and the second by Metsa Botnia in Uruguay. While these mills are expected to start up in 2007, they will not reach full production until well into 2008.
- The start-up in 2008 of a 500,000-Tpy hardwood mill by Ence (ENC-SSE) in Uruguay.

Note that there is currently considerable controversy surrounding the building of the two pulp mills in Uruguay by Botnia and Ence because of anxiety over their environmental and social impact. The Argentinean government is concerned that Botnia's plant, along with Ence's pulp mill, will cause pollution, and it believes that Uruguay should have consulted its neighbor before approving the projects. Both greenfield bleached eucalyptus pulp facilities are under construction near the Uruguay River, which forms part of the western border between the two countries. These two eucalyptus mills represent 1.5 million tonnes of new capacity and would account for a roughly 3% increase in global capacity.

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Permanent closures already announced:

- Western Forest Products (WEF-TSX) shuttered its 265,000-Tpy softwood mill in Squamish (B.C.) in January 2006.
- Bowater (BOW-SP) took down its 210,000-Tpy line in Thunder Bay (Ontario) in April 2006. After adjustments are made in the rest of Bowater's mill, we expect that the decline in capacity at that facility will be split roughly 50/50 between softwood and hardwood.
- Fraser Papers (FPS-SU) closed its 230,000-Tpy hardwood mill in Berlin (New Hampshire) in May 2006.
- Georgia-Pacific permanently closed its hardwood pulp line in Old Town (Maine) in April 2006. Old Town was producing 208,000 Tpy of pulp, with about 188,000 tonnes sold in the open market.
- West Fraser Timber (WFT-SO) will permanently close the No. 1 pulp machine at its softwood pulp mill in Hinton (Alberta) in Q4/2006. This change will reduce the mill's annual capacity by approximately 70,000 tonnes.

#### Indefinite closures already announced:

- Domtar (DTC-SU) brought down its 300,000-Tpy softwood mill in Quevillon (Quebec) in November 2005.
- Neenah Paper (NP-NYSE) closed its 325,000-Tpy softwood mill in Terrace Bay (Ontario) in February 2006.
- Tembec's (TBC-SU) 200,000-Tpy softwood mill in Smooth Rock Falls (Ontario) was shut down in July 2006.
- Weyerhaeuser (WY-SP) took down its 130,000-Tpy mill in Prince Albert (Saskatchewan) in April 2006.

At a minimum, we expect the indefinite closures in Quevillon and Smooth Rock Falls to become permanent. However, with financial assistance from the government of Saskatchewan, we believe that Weyerhaeuser or Domtar will be successful in finding a buyer to restart the Prince Albert mill. Buchanan has just bought and restarted the mill in Terrace Bay, but we think it will go down again the next time pulp prices weaken.

We expect a series of as-yet-unannounced market pulp mill closures:

- Domtar's 350,000-Tpy softwood/hardwood mill in Espanola (Ontario);
- Fraser Papers' 245,000-Tpy hardwood mill in Thurso (Quebec);
- Smurfit's (SSCC-NASDAQ) 245,000-Tpy hardwood mill in Pontiac (Quebec);
- Tembec's 250,000-Tpy softwood mill in Tarascon (France).

We also factor in the closing of the following pulp lines, all of which produce softwood pulp:

- 50,000 Tpv at Weverhaeuser's Drvden (Ontario) mill:
- 40,000 Tpy at Potlatch's (PCH-NYSE) Lewiston (Idaho) mill;
- 100,000 Tpy at Pope & Talbot's (POP-NYSE) Halsey (Oregon) mill.

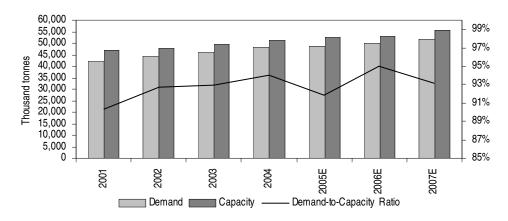
Forecasting mill closures that have not yet been announced is a difficult and risky task. Note that while some solution may be found to save some of the specific mills identified above, there are others that are threatened (but which we assume to remain in operation through at least 2007). Given the secular shift in the pulp industry from the northern to the southern hemisphere, pundits could debate the remaining lifespan of a number of higher-cost facilities. These facilities include:

- Catalyst Paper's (CTL-Restricted) pulp lines in Elk Falls (180,000 Tpy) and Crofton (318,000 Tpy) in B.C.;
- Pope & Talbot's Harmac mill (395,000 Tpy) mill in Nanaimo, B.C.;
- The Marathon pulp mill (Ontario) owned jointly by Tembec and Kruger (190,000 Tpy).

Given the expected closures, we predict that the global operating rate for market pulp in aggregate will climb from 92% in 2005 to almost 95% in 2006 and then decline to 93% in 2007 (see Exhibit 2). The increase in demand is estimated using our global GDP assumptions and a regression between GDP and consumption of softwood and hardwood pulps. The healthy operating rate is expected to keep pulp prices at moderate levels over this period. With a scenario highly dependent on mill closures, it would be difficult to defend a very bullish view on pulp prices, as too strong prices would be inconsistent with significant mill closures.

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**Exhibit 2. Global Market Pulp Operating Rate** 

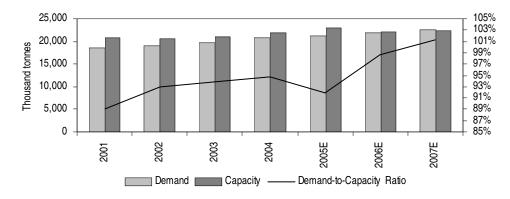


Source: NLK. RISI and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Given the expected changes in the composition of capacity, we also expect the prices of softwood and hardwood pulp to move in opposite directions for a period of time.

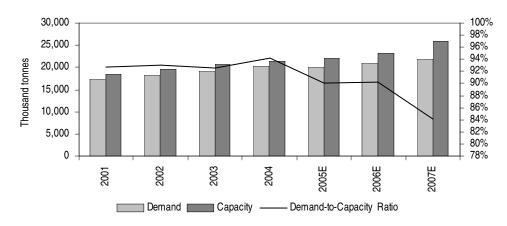
- We expect the operating rate for the global softwood industry to climb from almost 92% in 2005 to over 98% in 2006 and an unsustainably high 101% in 2007 (see Exhibit 3).
- Conversely, we expect the operating rate for the global hardwood industry to fall from 90% in 2005 and 2006 to 84% in 2007 (see Exhibit 4).

**Exhibit 3. Global Softwood Market Pulp Operating Rate** 



Source: NLK, RISI and CIBC World Markets Inc.

**Exhibit 4. Global Hardwood Market Pulp Operating Rate** 



Source: NLK. RISI and CIBC World Markets Inc.

In response to the divergence in operating rates, we expect the price spread between softwood and hardwood pulp to widen significantly over the next two years. In response to the divergence in operating rates, we expect the price spread between softwood and hardwood pulp to widen significantly over the next two years. We expect the benchmark NBSK price to rise from an average of US\$611/tonne in 2005 to US\$665/tonne in 2006 and US\$680/tonne in 2007. At best, we expect the price of eucalyptus pulp to remain flat at around

US\$580/tonne. However, we do not think the resulting spread of roughly US\$100/tonne is sustainable.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006E	2007E	Normalized		
NBSK Pulp (US\$/tonne)	\$680	\$547	\$461	\$525	\$617	\$611	\$665	\$680	\$665		
Eucalyptus Pulp (US\$/tonne)	\$647	\$488	\$464	\$514	\$529	\$577	\$580	\$580	\$605		
Spread (US\$/tonne)	\$33	\$59	(\$3)	\$11	\$88	\$34	\$85	\$100	\$60		
Euro/US\$ Exchange Rate	\$0.92	\$0.90	\$0.95	\$1.14	\$1.24	\$1.24	\$1.26	\$1.28	\$1.28		
C\$/US\$ Exchange Rate	\$0.67	\$0.65	\$0.64	\$0.72	\$0.77	\$0.83	\$0.88	\$0.89	\$0.89		
NBSK Pulp (Euro/tonne)	739	608	485	461	498	493	528	531	520		
NBSK Pulp (C\$/tonne)	\$1,015	\$842	\$720	\$729	\$801	\$736	\$756	\$764	\$747		

Source: Pulp & Paper Weeks and CIBC World Markets Inc.

**Exhibit 5. Pulp Price Forecasts** 



We expect prices to remain relatively low when denominated in both Canadian dollars and euros.

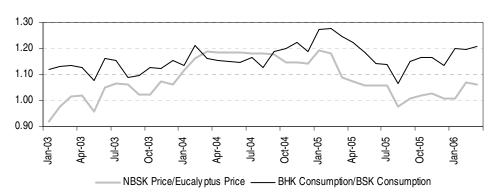
As illustrated in Exhibit 5, we expect prices to remain relatively low when denominated in Canadian dollars and euros, as this is a necessary condition for further mill closures.

There is ongoing debate among pundits regarding the uniqueness of NBSK pulp and the price premium it deserves on the market. There is no doubt that NBSK pulp has superior attributes in the production of certain grades of paper and packaging due to its strength, but there are contradicting forces affecting the spread.

Given that softwood pulp is generally more expensive, the incentive to replace softwood pulp by hardwood pulp with new technology will remain. At the same time, the move by the paper industry towards lightweight and recycled grades that are performing well on fast printing presses increases the need for the softwood strength reinforcement pulp. The net impact of these forces over time is unknown, but the substitution will accelerate with the size of the spread between the two grades.

The data suggests that over time papermakers do respond to changes in relative pulp prices. Exhibit 6 documents the positive correlation between the relative price and relative consumption of NBSK and NBHK (northern bleached hardwood kraft) pulp in Western Europe in recent years. We think substitution will occur on both the supply and demand side of the global market and that the price spread will return to normal over the longer term. Over time, we expect the spread to move down to US\$60/tonne, reflecting the cost differential for mills that can swing between the two grades. At the moment, there is still more NBSK pulp capacity than that needed for reinforcement, so the substitution in some applications, like tissue, will likely continue.

**Exhibit 6. Relative Prices And Consumption Of Softwood And Hardwood** 



Source: Utipulp, Paperloop, and CIBC World Markets Inc.

The current NBSK price represents a 10-year high, and is very close to what we think is a peak for this cycle. So far this year, pulp prices in Europe have improved by US\$110/tonne. The driving force behind this increase is a series of permanent and indefinite pulp closures in North America, improved shipments, and lower inventories. The bulk of the current transactions are around US\$715/tonne in Europe, which is above our forecast for 2007. This price represents a 10-year high, and is very close to what we think is a peak for this cycle. If prices were to increase much further it may encourage mills to restart, leading to an oversupplied situation next year.

#### For example:

- New owners have already restarted the mill in Terrace Bay, Ontario. Not only this mill has restarted; Buchanan will also likely run a smaller second market pulp line in the future that would bump annual NBSK capacity to 475,000 tonnes.
- Cascades (CAS-SP) announced recently that it would re-evaluate the status of its shuttered FjordCell pulp mill in December, based on market conditions.

Without more closures, the global operating rate is expected to drop to the low 90%'s in 2007 from the year-to-date 95% because of the new capacity being built in the southern hemisphere.

### **SWOT Analysis**

Exhibit 7. SWOT Summary								
Strengths	Opportunities							
Low Fiber Costs	Industry Consolidation							
Energy Generation	Closure Of Chinese Capacity							
Below-average Cost Pulp Mills								
Weaknesses	Threats							
Strong Canadian Dollar	Wood Supply Reduction In British Columbia Post Beetle							
Low Geographic Diversification	Risk Of An Oversupply Pulp Market							
Volatile Pricing Environment For An Income Fund	Foreign Exchange Risk							
Mixed Operational Tract Record	Dependency On Key Customers							
Exposure To China	Slowdown Of The Global Economy							
	Unit Overhang From Canfor Corp.							

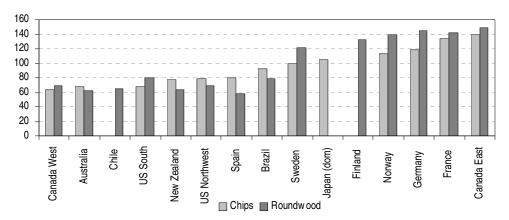
Source: CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### **Strengths**

#### **Low Fiber Costs**

As illustrated in Exhibit 8, chip prices in B.C. are currently the lowest in the world, as the processing of large volumes of beetle-killed wood by sawmills has caused a surplus of chips in the region. Nearly 85% of the wood supply to the fund's Prince George area mills is from beetle-infested stands.

#### Exhibit 8. Average Delivered Conifer Wood Fiber Prices Q2/2006



Source: Wood Resource Quarterly and CIBC World Markets Inc.

In order to control the mountain pine beetle infestation in the area the Ministry of Forests has increased the annual allowable cut (AAC) in the region by approximately 30%. This increase in the AAC is projected to remain in effect for at least the next eight to 10 years, resulting in an abundant supply of wood chips. The chip surplus in the B.C. Central Interior region has now basically disappeared and the market is in balance. The surplus was sold on the B.C. Coast and in Alberta, replacing more expensive alternatives.

Chip prices in B.C. are currently the lowest in the world.

If the beetle outbreak continues to spread, the potential implications for Canfor Pulp include a potential decrease in the quality of chips. The general consensus is that beetle-killed timber will remain merchantable for five to 15 years, depending on local site conditions. However, we think there are some risks that the decrease in chip quality leads to higher chemical costs in the future.

#### **Energy Generation**

Low-cost pulp mills are generally almost 100% self-sufficient in power (electricity and fossil fuel).

Northwood generates approximately 83% of its electrical power requirements and purchases the remaining 17% from BC Hydro. The mill's steam production is approximately 70% from black liquor from the kraft pulping process, 18% from hog fuel and 11% from natural gas.

Intercontinental historically produced approximately 53% of its electrical power requirements and purchased the remaining 47% from BC Hydro. With the completion of the cogeneration project, Intercontinental expects to produce or acquire from PG approximately 85% of its electrical power requirements and purchase the remaining 15% from BC Hydro. Intercontinental's steam production is primarily from black liquor and hog fuel, with only 5% generated through natural gas.

Historically, energy used for the production of pulp and paper at PG was provided through purchased electricity and burning natural gas, hog fuel and internally generated black liquor. Most of these fuels were burned in boilers to produce steam that is used in mill processes. With the completion of the cogeneration project in June 2005, PG and Intercontinental are 92% self-sufficient in meeting their electricity requirements.

#### **The Cogeneration Project**

In October 2003, BC Hydro entered into an agreement under which it agreed to contribute \$46 million, through its PowerSmart Program, to construct an electrical cogeneration facility at PG designed to produce 48 MW of electricity. In addition to the construction of the cogeneration facility, the project included the modification of two of the three boilers at the mill and the addition of wood waste and ash handling systems to enable a more efficient use of energy generated from black liquor and significantly higher steam production from hog fuel.

Significant cost overruns were incurred. Project costs were \$36 million higher than originally planned, resulting from the underestimation of some elements, design modifications and higher steel prices. The initial estimate was \$81 million.

The cogeneration project was started up in June 2005, fully completed in December 2005, and is currently operating at 91% of targeted generating capacity of the facility. The PG mill is now self-sufficient in electricity and natural gas purchases have been reduced by 77%. Annual savings are estimated at \$21.5 million.

#### **Below-average Cost Pulp Mills**

According to a PricewaterhouseCoopers study, the Intercon and Northwood mills were in the first quartile of the Canadian NBSK production cost curve in 2004. Based on a 2005 cost curve from Paperloop, which assumes a Canadian dollar at US\$0.85, the mills were between the top of the first quartile and the bottom of the second quartile on the global softwood kraft cost curve for delivery in Europe. Chilean and Russian producers dominate the bottom of the cost curve. However, Chilean mills ship very little product into Europe at present, and they sell a lower-value pulp (southern softwood). The Russian producers do not generally provide consistent quality and delivery, and tend to sell on the usually depressed spot market.

We believe that the PG mill was among the highest-cost market pulp operations in the B.C. Interior prior to the cogen project. However, with the \$22.6 million savings resulting from the cogen project, we estimate that its unit costs are now more in line with those of the Intercon and Northwood mills.

Positions on cost curves are estimated based on the technical specifications and locations of mills. These estimations are subjects to errors. A look at Canfor Pulp's EBITDA margins relative to other global players complements these estimates (see Exhibit 9). Being a low-cost producer is key in a commodity market if a company wants to be profitable over a cycle.

Exhibit 9. Selected 2005 Pulp EBITDA Margins With Canadian Dollar At US\$0.83

Aracruz	49.7%
Bowater	10.2%
Canfor Corporation	6.9%
Catalyst	(7.4%)
Cenibra	34.2%
CMPC Celulosa	27.5%
Ence	12.4%
Metsa Botnia	20.3%
Pope & Talbot	2.9%
Portucel	25.4%
Rottneros	3.3%
SFK Pulp	13.0%
Sodra	17.7%
Tembec	(1.1%)
VCP	55.5%
West Fraser	6.0%
North American Average	4.4%
South American Average	41.7%
European Average	15.8%
Global Average (Weighted By Region)	15.3%
Canfor Pulp Actual	7.6%
Canfor Pulp Proforma	17.0%

Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets

Based on proforma margins, Canfor Pulp was a below-average-cost pulp producer on a global basis in 2005.

producer in 2005. In fact, its EBITDA margin is roughly two percentage points higher than the global weighted average, which is pulled up by South American pulp operations. The low-cost producers are primarily the Brazilian and Chilean companies. Although the value of currencies plays an important role in the cost position, we do not expect the South Americans to lose their status anytime

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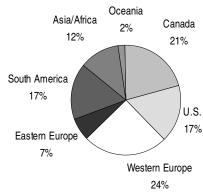
soon, even if their currencies are strengthening. However, it should be noted that South American producers generally need more capital to generate these high margins, as they usually own tree plantations and have modern assets. As a result, the profitability difference is much smaller on a return-on-capital basis.

There is a significant difference between Canfor Pulp's actual and proforma margins due to the \$51.2 million impact of the fiber price change and the \$22.6 million savings from the cogen project. In general, without the benefits of the low fiber prices, the B.C. Interior would rank only in the third quartile of the global softwood pulp cost curve with a Canadian dollar at US\$0.85.

The new wood fiber formula was fully implemented in the fourth quarter of 2005. The actual average delivered cost of chips during 2005 was \$80.78/tonne, while the average cost using the pricing formula would have been \$59.05/tonne, resulting in an average saving of \$21.73/tonne. Had this pricing formula been applied to the total 2.4 million tonnes of wood chips consumed in the pulp business during 2005, the total cost of wood chips would have been reduced by approximately \$51.2 million. We estimate that chip prices in the region are around \$50/tonne before freight costs, compared to \$100/tonne-\$140/tonne in Eastern Canada.

Canfor Pulp is doing significantly better than the North American average and slightly better than the European average. Its margins compare favorably to those of producers in the northern hemisphere, which represent more than 60% of the global market pulp capacity (see Exhibit 10) and the vast majority of the global softwood pulp supply. This observation supports Paperloop's benchmarking study findings. Having said this, South American producers will over time represent a growing percentage of capacity as mills are built in that region and facilities are shut down in North America. As a result, the global cost curve is expected to shift downwards in the future.

Exhibit 10. Market Pulp Capacity By Region (2005)



Source: Pulp & Paper Fact Book and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Although lower chip prices have been in place for the full year, we have not yet seen the expected savings fully materialize. Based on proforma numbers, Canfor Pulp should post a better performance than SFK Pulp Fund (SFK.UN-SP) by four percentage points or \$30/tonne, but year to date, its EBITDA margin has been 13% (\$97/tonne) compared to SFK's 11% (\$75/tonne). This difference relative to potential reflects the fact that the new cogen facility has not operated at full capacity so far this year. There were also some operational issues in the first half of the year, and two of the three mills underwent major maintenance outages in Q2 (done every 18 months).

The \$20/tonne-\$30/tonne difference between Canfor Pulp and SFK is a testimony to SFK's continuing advantage in conversion costs. SFK starts producing pulp with a handicap of \$150/tonne of pulp due to higher fiber costs. However, this disadvantage is reduced significantly throughout the production and delivery process.

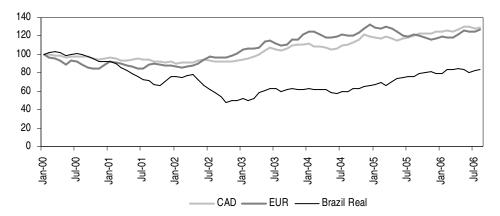
#### Weaknesses

#### Strong Canadian Dollar

The downside of Canfor Pulp's locations is that all operations are in Canada where the currency is presently strong. Exhibit 11 shows that the Canadian dollar and the euro have appreciated by between 20% and 25% since 2000. Although the Brazilian real has increased by roughly 80% since 2003, that country remains highly competitive in the pulp world (note that the Brazilian real depreciated sharply over the 2000-2003 period).

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#### **Exhibit 11. Foreign Exchange Rate**

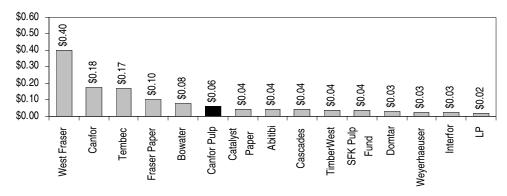


Source: U.S. Federal Reserve Board and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Fortunately for Canfor Pulp, most of its closest competitors have also been affected by the strong Canadian dollar and euro. Roughly 80% of NBSK pulp is produced in Europe or Canada. This ratio drops to 73% when all softwood market pulp is considered, and to 45% for all market pulps. However, this protection should decline over time as high-cost mills in Europe and Canada are closed and replaced by mills in emerging countries with weaker currencies.

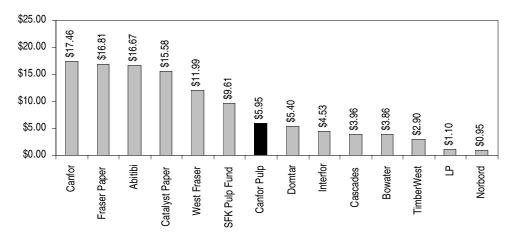
A US\$0.01 increase in the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar would reduce EBITDA by \$5 million and discounted cash flow per unit (DCFPU) by \$0.07. Exhibits 12 and 13 show that within the paper and forest products universe, Canfor Pulp is in the middle of the pack in terms of exposure to the US\$/C\$ exchange rate.

Exhibit 12. EPS Sensitivity To A US\$0.01 Change In The Canadian Dollar (US\$)



Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Exhibit 13. Leverage Per US\$1,000 Invested To A US\$0.01 Change In The Canadian Dollar (US\$)



Note: Excludes Tembec at \$133.

Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### **Low Geographic Diversification**

Although the fund operates three pulp and paper mills, the operations are not only in the same province, but also in the same region of the province. This is a good location at this time, but it makes the fund vulnerable to regional shocks and to the C\$/US\$ exchange rate.

With three different sites, operational risks are diluted, but the risk of labor disruptions is not necessarily diversified, as the three operations, represented by two different unions, are covered by the same labor agreements. These agreements expire on April 30, 2008. The agreements provide for wage increases totaling 11% over the five-year term.

Canfor Pulp's chip prices are directly linked to the realized Canadian dollar price of pulp. Due to this linkage, the sensitivity of Canfor's earnings to changes in pulp prices is reduced by roughly 15%.

#### **Volatile Pricing Environment For An Income Fund**

Pulp prices are very volatile and we do not believe the pulp business is generally well suited for an income trust structure. However, this negative factor is mitigated by the good competitive position of the operations at this time and the fact that the cost of chips (which represents roughly 30% of manufacturing costs) is directly linked to the Canadian dollar price of pulp. Specifically, the price per tonne of chips is set to equal between 7.25% and 8.25% of the net realized price of NBSK pulp, denominated in Canadian dollars. Due to this linkage via an explicit formula, the sensitivity of Canfor's earnings to changes in pulp prices is reduced by roughly 15% currently.

The chip price formula was adjusted last year to reflect the surplus of chips in the region. Being based on mill net prices (net of delivery costs and FX translations), this formula provides a partial hedge against pulp prices, the C\$/US\$ exchange rate, fuel prices and freight costs.

This formula applies to the chips supplied by Canfor Corp. through the Fibre Supply Agreement. This agreement covers roughly 75% of Canfor Pulp's needs. The formula reflects chip prices on the open market and will be adjusted periodically if the relationship between pulp and chip prices changes in the region. As a result, there are no guarantees that chip prices will remain that low in the future. However, we think that low chip prices will prevail for the next eight years.

#### **Mixed Operational Track Record**

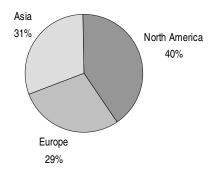
Over the past several years, Canfor has experienced various operational difficulties on a relatively regular basis. Some of the problems were due to external factors such as cold weather and lightning strikes, but some were due to mechanical and operational deficiencies. These problems resulted in EBITDA margins that were not substantially better than the North American average between 2004 and 2005, despite the fact that Canfor enjoyed lower fiber and energy costs.

Note that the senior management team of the pulp operations was replaced in May 2005. The team is headed by Mr. Paul Richards, who is now the President and CEO of Canfor Pulp Limited Partnership, the business operating entity owned 20% by the Canfor Pulp Income Fund and 80% by Canfor Corp. Given his long and solid track record in managing pulp mills across Canada, we think Mr. Richards will provide better operational leadership going forward.

#### **Exposure To China**

Exhibit 14 illustrates that Canfor has traditionally sold approximately 30% of its pulp to Asia (mostly China). Although it is not necessarily the case now, over a cycle, net realized pulp prices tend to be lower in China.

Exhibit 14. 2005 Pulp Shipments By Region



Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Another 30% of the pulp is sold in Europe, where Canfor Pulp has a competitive disadvantage vis-à-vis European producers in terms of freight costs. Delivery costs from B.C. to Europe are estimated at around US\$95/tonne versus US\$60/tonne from Scandinavia to continental Europe.

Like most pulp producers in Canada, Canfor Pulp is focusing on selling pulp in North America, which, due to shorter shipping distances, minimizes total transportation costs. Canfor Pulp has increased its North American sales by 30% from 2003 to 2005.

#### **Opportunities**

#### **Industry Consolidation**

Despite some consolidation over the past 10 years, the pulp business remains highly fragmented. In 2005, the top five companies accounted for only 41% of North American capacity. This is one of the lowest concentration ratios in the North American paper and forest products industry. Considering that market pulp is truly a global commodity, the segment is, in reality, even more fragmented, with the top five global producers representing only 25% of global capacity. The weak concentration is one of the reasons why pulp prices are so volatile.

Industry fragmentation represents an opportunity for Canfor Pulp to increase its capacity and expand outside B.C. With a strong currency resulting from an income fund structure, there are likely opportunities to create value. The main challenge is to find good-quality assets that are non-core to the actual owners. Another challenge is that operations outside Canada would be taxable at the net income level. Given its income fund structure, Canfor Pulp would have an advantage in buying mills in Canada.

As discussed above, now that Canfor's pulp operations have been separated into a market-traded entity, there is a greater likelihood it will participate in M&A activity, which would result in synergistic savings and a higher float. Such expansion may also facilitate an eventual reduction in Canfor's ownership of the business.

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#### **Closure Of Chinese Capacity**

The biggest wildcard in the global pulp market is the potential closure of significant amounts of non-wood pulp capacity in China. Non-wood pulp accounts for over 80% of China's total pulp capacity, and much of it is high cost, poor quality and highly polluting. The Chinese government has repeatedly stated its intention to close a number of the older non-wood mils. Hypothetically, a 25% reduction in Chinese non-wood pulp capacity could result in a 3.0-million-tonne increase in China's importation of pulp (i.e., roughly an 85% increase in shipments to China). This tonnage represents roughly 6% of the global market pulp capacity. Given the worsening shortage of water in China and that older non-wood pulp/paper mills use up to 10 times the volume of water per tonne of paper, observers should not discount this potentially "positive shock" to the global pulp market. Our analysis does not reflect any closures of this non-wood pulp capacity, but we are continuing to monitor this issue.

#### **Threats**

## **Wood Supply Reduction In British Columbia Post Beetle**

Canfor Pulp benefits from the excess chip availability in the B.C. Interior. However, the situation is expected to reverse in eight to 10 years when salvage harvesting is over and harvesting levels drop below those before the infestation in order that the forest resource can be regenerated. At that time, the B.C. pulp industry will lose its unique cost advantage. The BC Competition Council, a committee created with a mandate to recommend key actions to improve the competitiveness of the B.C. industry, has recently warned that once the sawmilling activity in the Interior moderates, one half of the B.C. Interior pulp mills could shut.

#### Risk Of An Oversupplied Pulp Market

Our pulp price outlook is heavily influenced by our view that an additional 1.3 million tonnes of market pulp capacity will be closed at the end of 2006, even though it has not yet been announced. If none of this additional capacity is withdrawn, we will likely face an oversupply situation in the pulp market. Under that more conservative scenario, our estimated operating rate in 2007 will drop below 92% instead of the 94% we are predicting. With an operating rate in the low 90%'s, we would expect some downward pressure on pulp prices. The spread between softwood and hardwood pulp prices could still increase in that situation, as the softwood operating rate would remain favorable, but we do not think that this would be sufficient to prevent softwood prices dropping as well.

There is a lack of visibility beyond 2007, but additional mills in South America are on the drawing board and we expect more hardwood pulp capacity to come on stream beyond our horizon.

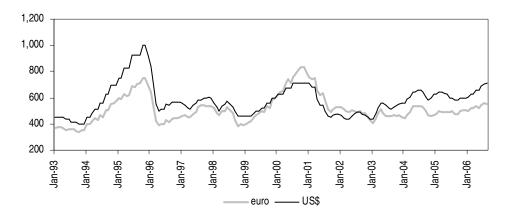
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#### Foreign Exchange Risk

Given that market pulp is sold in U.S. dollars in most markets globally, the fund is exposed to fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar, as most of the manufacturing costs are denominated in the local currency. This risk is mitigated by the following factors:

- Given that roughly 40% of global market pulp is consumed in Europe, the value of the euro tends to influence the U.S. dollar price of pulp. This relationship is strengthened by the fact that 24% of global market pulp is produced in Europe. This link is illustrated in Exhibit 15, which shows that pulp prices are less volatile in euros than in their trading currency. So far the euro has increased in concert with the Canadian dollar.
- Given that Canada represents roughly 20% of global market pulp capacity and that most of the global high-cost capacity is in Eastern Canada, the Canadian dollar sets the floor pulp price. Consequently, a stronger Canadian dollar should be associated with stronger pulp prices, as this situation should lead to more mill rationalizations.

Exhibit 15. Pulp Prices In Euro And In U.S. Dollars



Source: Pulp & Paper Week and CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### Dependency On Key Customers

Canfor Pulp depends on its key customers, the 10 largest of which represent roughly 65% of sales. These sales are spilt between large European magazine paper producers, large tissue producers and some Chinese specialty paper manufacturers.

In 2005, the fund's largest customer accounted for approximately 23% of its sales. However, the relationship with this customer is long-standing and the sales agreement with this client is evergreen with a three-year notice period required to terminate the agreement.

This risk is mitigated by the fund's good-quality product. Canfor Pulp's pulp has better strength characteristics than NBSK pulp available from Scandinavia and the U.S. While this advantage does not allow Canfor Pulp to sell its product at a premium, it does allow the company to keep a very loyal customer base. NBSK pulp is the most expensive furnish in paper production and is added to strengthen a paper sheet. A strong pulp means savings for paper producers, as it reduces the volume of NBSK necessary to obtain the desired strength in the sheet.

#### **Slowdown Of The Global Economy**

In our pulp outlook, we assume that the global economy will grow at a rate of 4.1% in 2006 and 3.9% in 2007. However, the global economy is well into the current cycle and the risk of a slowdown does exist. Nevertheless, two institutions have just revised upward their GDP forecasts. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) increased its global 2006 forecast from 4.9% to 5.1% and its 2007 forecast from 4.7% to 4.9%. The European Union (EU) increased its 2006 EU GDP growth forecast from 2.1% to 2.6% and its 2007 forecast from 2.1% to 2.5%.

#### **Unit Overhang From Canfor Corp.**

Canfor Corp. owns 80% of the outstanding units of Canfor Pulp Fund, and it is logical to assume that one of the reasons the fund was spun out is to facilitate an eventual sale. However, it is reasonable to conclude that the higher the value of the units, the greater the probability the parent will reduce its position. The flip side of Canfor Corp. eventually reducing its ownership is that it would increase the units' market float and trading liquidity.

To the extent that Canfor Pulp grows, the parent's position will likely be diluted and the overhang will be less of an issue.

#### **Conclusion Of The SWOT Analysis**

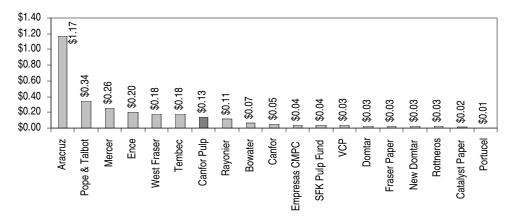
Despite the strong Canadian dollar, Canfor Pulp is "on paper" a below-average-cost pulp producer on a global basis thanks to extremely low fiber prices and reduced electricity purchases. This low-cost position, combined with the fact that fiber prices are linked to realized pulp prices, mitigates the volatility associated with the pulp market and helps to make the operations more suitable for an income fund structure. Having said this, based on the year-to-date margins, it does not look as though the expected savings used in the proforma 2005 distributions are fully in place yet. This could be attributable to operational problems, a heavy maintenance schedule, or the fact that the cogen facility did not reach full capacity until late Q2/2006.

### **Financial Sensitivities And Forecasts**

Canfor Pulp's distributions are highly sensitive to pulp prices and to the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar.

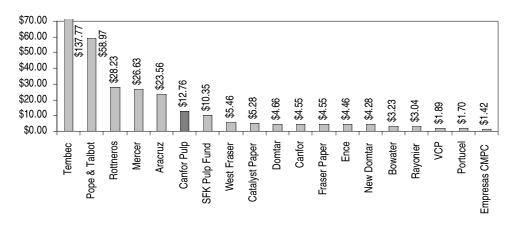
Canfor Pulp's distributions are highly sensitive to pulp prices (see Exhibit 16) and to the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar. In turn, pulp prices are influenced by global economic activity and the increase or decrease in the global supply of pulp. When the amount of capital invested in all the stocks is held constant, the leverage metric indicates that Canfor Pulp offers one of the highest leverages to pulp prices on a global basis.

Exhibit 16. EPS Sensitivity To A US\$10/Tonne Change In Pulp Prices (US\$)



Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Exhibit 17. Leverage Per US\$1,000 Invested To A US\$10/Tonne Change In Pulp Prices (US\$)



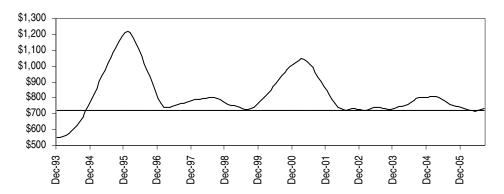
Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

We think that a good income fund must be able to maintain an acceptable level of cash throughout a cycle in order to minimize the volatility in the unit price. To test that statement, one must define a pulp cycle and, more importantly, a trough pulp price. As mentioned above, given its high-cost status, we think that the Canadian industry presently sets the floor on global pulp prices.

We think that C\$720/tonne is a good floor for NBSK pulp prices. At the current C\$/US\$ exchange rate of US\$0.89, this translates into a price of US\$640/tonne.

Exhibit 18 illustrates that over the past cycle, pulp prices have never fallen below an average of C\$720/tonne over a 12-month period. This is true even during the severe 2001 U.S. recession. As a result, we think that C\$720/tonne is a good proxy for the floor on NBSK pulp prices. At the current C\$/US\$ exchange rate of US\$0.89, this translates into a price of US\$640/tonne. This is a value relatively close to the current price of US\$715/tonne, despite the recent run-up in U.S. dollar prices.

Exhibit 18. NBSK Pulp Prices In Canadian Dollars (LTM)



Source: RISI and CIBC World Markets Inc.

We think that Canfor Pulp could generate \$0.82/unit at the bottom of the cycle. Given the initial payout ratio of 90%, this would lead to a distribution of \$0.74/unit.

Under these trough conditions, we think that Canfor Pulp could generate \$0.82/unit at the bottom of the cycle. Given the initial payout ratio of 90%, this would lead to a distribution of \$0.74/unit. We do not expect the fund's cost structure to change in the medium term.

Our forecasts are derived from Canfor Corp.'s year-to-date pulp segment results. These results are not a perfect base, as they include the Taylor mechanical pulp mill (which is not part of the fund) and exclude unallocated corporate costs. The fund will publish its first results at the end of Q3.

Canfor Pulp Fund was launched effective July 1 and the first monthly distribution was announced later in July at \$0.12/unit, resulting in an annualized rate of \$1.44/unit. Subsequently, the fund declared a special cash distribution of \$0.08/unit payable on October 13 to reflect additional distributable cash arising from the positive financial performance of the pulp operations.

Proforma to the \$51.2 million impact of the wood fiber price change and the \$22.6 million impact of the cogen project, the fund would have generated \$1.24/unit and distributed \$1.12/unit in 2005. Without these two benefits, 2005 distributable cash flow and distributions would have been only \$0.21 and \$0.19 per unit, respectively. These proforma numbers assume an interest rate of 8% of the debt of \$125 million and capital expenditures of \$34 million annually. The \$125 million debt results in a sound debt-to-capital ratio of 16%. This leverage ratio does not account for the pension fund deficit of \$53 million, which is expected to be funded with ongoing pension expenses.

Management estimates that in order to maintain the mills in good working order, future sustaining capital expenditures will average approximately \$34 million per year, before adjustment for inflation. Estimated sustaining capital expenditures include an annual reserve of \$4 million per year for the next 20 years to fund significant capital projects, including the reconstruction of a recovery boiler at Northwood at a cost of \$55 million (in 2004 dollars). This capex level represents 72% of depreciation, which we think is reasonable.

Given the current 90% payout ratio, we are looking for distributions of \$1.28/unit in 2007. Our financial forecasts are lower than the current distribution level of \$1.44/unit.

Under our macro assumptions, which are more optimistic than those in the "trough scenario" (see Exhibit 5), we expect Canfor Pulp to generate \$1.33/unit in 2006 on a proforma basis. Given that the spin-off occurred in early July, actual 2006 cash generation is forecast to be \$0.78/unit, representing the last two quarters of the year. We expect the fund to generate DCFPU of \$1.42 in 2007. Given the current 90% payout ratio, we are looking for distributions of \$1.28/unit in 2007. Our financial forecasts are lower than the current distribution level of \$1.44/unit, but we do not think the current high pulp prices are sustainable.

Alternative views of the pulp outlook are provided by the latest swap price for NBSK by Traditional Financial Services (TFS) and price forecasts by RISI (see Exhibit 19). It could be argued that the TFS swap prices reflect the view of some "pulp insiders," with a price of US\$698/tonne in 2007 and US\$653/tonne for three years.

Exhibit 19. NBSK Pulp Alternative Forecasts (US\$/tonne, del. Western Europe)

	Current	2006	2007	2008	2009	3-year Swap
TFS Pulp Swap	715	n/a	698	n/a	n/a	653
RISI	715	683	648	685	746	n/a
CIBC World Markets	715	665	680	n/a	n/a	n/a
Average	715	674	675	685	746	653

Source: RISI, TFS and CIBC World Markets Inc.

In our view, upside risks to our financial forecasts include:

- An unexpected increase in the U.S. dollar vis-à-vis the Canadian dollar;
- An improvement of the euro relative to the Canadian dollar, which would increase European competitors' costs;
- Stronger-than-expected pulp prices resulting from a disconnect between hardwood and softwood markets and/or the closure of old Chinese capacity.

Downside risks to our forecasts, in our opinion, include:

- Continuing decline in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar;
- A correction in softwood pulp prices resulting from the new hardwood pulp capacity coming on stream in the southern hemisphere or a global economic slowdown.

Any US\$50/tonne improvement in pulp prices improves the yield by six percentage points.

Exhibit 20 shows Canfor Pulp's sensitivity to US\$50/tonne changes in pulp prices in terms of distributable cash at various exchange rates. Any US\$50/tonne improvement in pulp prices improves the yield by six percentage points. At the current exchange rate of US\$0.89 and pulp price of US\$715/tonne, we estimate that Canfor Pulp is generating \$1.95 per unit.

Exhibit 20. Sensitivity Of Canfor Pulp's Distributable Cash To Pulp Prices
And Exchange Rates

			P	ulp Prices (US\$	/Tonne)		
		\$550	\$600	\$650	\$700	\$750	\$800
	\$0.77	0.78	1.65	2.40	3.26	4.12	4.99
	\$0.79	0.53	1.38	2.23	2.95	3.79	4.63
	\$0.81	0.40	1.13	1.96	2.65	3.47	4.29
	\$0.83	0.17	0.88	1.69	2.37	3.17	3.97
\$0.8	\$0.85	(0.05)	0.65	1.44	2.23	2.89	3.67
ies Ees	\$0.87	(0.26)	0.42	1.20	1.97	2.61	3.38
FX Rates	\$0.89	(0.45)	0.31	0.97	1.72	2.35	3.10
Ϋ́	\$0.91	(0.64)	0.10	0.75	1.49	2.23	2.83
	\$0.93	(0.82)	(0.09)	0.54	1.26	1.98	2.58
	\$0.95	(0.83)	(0.28)	0.44	1.04	1.75	2.33
	\$0.97	(1.00)	(0.46)	0.24	0.83	1.53	2.22
	\$0.99	(1.16)	(0.64)	0.05	0.64	1.31	1.99
	\$1.01	(1.31)	(0.80)	(0.13)	0.44	1.11	1.78

Source: CIBC World Markets Inc.

# **Valuation And Recommendation**

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Based on our forecasts, Canfor Pulp looks cheaper than other Canadian pulp and paper companies in our universe in terms of TEV/EBITDA multiples (see Exhibit 21) despite the tax advantage enjoyed by income funds. We think the best comparables in our universe for Canfor Pulp are SFK Pulp Fund and Mercer International (MERC-SP). On a TEV/EBITDA basis, Canfor Pulp appears cheaper than both SFK and Mercer.

Exhibit 21. North American Companies P/E And TEV/EBITDA Valuation

	Mkt Cap.	Float	Float Price P/E TEV/EBIT			P/E TEV/EBITDA				EBITDA				
	(\$ mlns.)	(mlns.)	28-09-06	2005	2006E	2007E	2005	2006E	2007E	Normalized	2005	2006E	2007E	Normalized
Abitibi-Consolidated	\$1,320	1,186	\$3.00	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	7.8	7.7	6.7	8.5	\$649	\$662	\$755	\$598
Bowater (US\$)	1,180	1,130	20.56	n.m.	n.m.	28.6	7.7	7.4	6.2	8.0	458	475	566	441
Canfor	1,604	979	11.25	17.9	n.m.	26.2	8.1	9.9	8.3	8.2	297	241	287	292
Cascades	986	621	12.20	n.m.	31.3	22.6	8.7	7.5	7.4	7.0	256	298	302	315
Domtar	1,548	1,306	6.69	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	10.5	8.9	7.1	8.0	358	420	531	468
Mercer (1) (euro)	320	320	9.65	n.m.	9.2	n.m.	15.8	9.8	8.2	8.7	68	110	132	124
SFK Pulp Fund	251	250	4.23	16.9	10.1	7.6	11.0	7.7	4.4	4.5	31	44	78	76
Tembec	122	98	1.42	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	205.1	24.6	26.8	46.1	9	75	69	40
Average (excl. Tembec)	1,030	827	_	17.4	16.8	21.2	9.9	8.4	6.9	7.6				
Canfor Pulp	838	159	11.76	n.m.	8.4	8.3	7.2	6.7	6.7	7.5	133	144	144	128

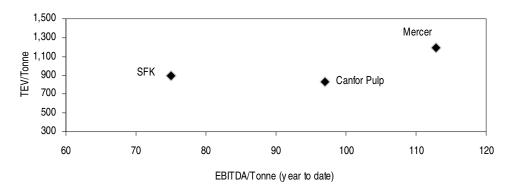
<sup>(1)</sup> Mercer reports in euros and trades on the NASDAQ. Data including price, market cap and float are in US\$; all other figures are in euros.

Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

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In terms of TEV per tonne of capacity, Canfor Pulp's valuation is just below SFK's despite the fact that it has generated a better EBITDA per tonne year to date (see Exhibit 22). Canfor Pulp is also cheaper than Mercer on that basis. Mercer's higher valuation per tonne is partially attributable to its better EBITDA per tonne year to date. This is somewhat surprising because Mercer does not have the tax advantage enjoyed by companies like SFK and Canfor Pulp, which are structured as income funds. However, because of its capital structure, we do not expect Mercer to pay meaningful income taxes anytime soon.

#### **Exhibit 22. Valuation Per Tonne**



Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Canfor Pulp's valuation per tonne is higher than the average price of C\$770/tonne paid for pulp assets over the past 10 years (high of C\$1,800/tonne, low of C\$425/tonne, mean of C\$654/tonne). Based on the average of precedent transactions, Canfor Pulp would trade at roughly \$11.00 per unit. It should be noted, however, that some good pulp mills have been sold at close to C\$2,000/tonne in the past, which is significantly higher than Canfor Pulp's current valuation.

We expect Canfor Pulp to distribute cash of \$1.20/unit in 2006 (proforma) and \$1.28/unit in 2007. Based on the current pricing, these distributions represent expected yields of 10.3% in 2006 and 11.0% in 2007. Canfor Pulp's expected returns are similar to the average cash-on-cash yield of 10.3% and 10.7% expected in 2006 and 2007, respectively, for the basic materials income trusts followed by CIBC World Markets. The three income trusts we cover in the paper & forest products industry [PRT Forest Regeneration Income Fund (PRT.UN-SP), SFK, and TimberWest Forest (TWF.UN-SP)] are expected to generate an average yield of 8.0% in 2006 and 10.4% in 2007. SFK itself provides an expected cash yield of 5.7% for 2006 and 13.2% for 2007.

We think Canfor Pulp should trade on the basis of a 10% yield. This is the average yield at which the materials income funds are trading. It represents a 600-basis-point premium over the 4.00% return from 10-year government bonds. Based on our 2007 cash distribution forecasts, we calculate a price target of \$13.00/share on Canfor Pulp.

The expected yield of 11% for 2007 combined with the expected capital gain of 11% provides a total return of 22%. As a result, we are initiating coverage on Canfor Pulp with a Sector Outperformer rating.

Although we think that the current distribution level of \$1.44/unit is not sustainable, we do not expect the unit price to suffer too much from a reduction in the distributions. We believe that the current cash-on-cash yield of 13% indicates that the market agrees that the current distributions are not sustainable.

In the short term, there might be some natural selling of the Canfor Pulp units, as investors in Canfor Corp. may not be interested in owning a pulp income fund.

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The fact that we estimate the fund can distribute \$0.74/unit under trough conditions makes us comfortable in identifying the downside risk in the unit price. Assuming the same 10% required yield, we do not think the units would trade significantly below \$7.50 for a long period of time.

#### **Price Target Calculation**

Our price target of \$13.00 reflects a target yield of 10% based on our 2007 distribution forecast.

#### **Key Risks To Price Target**

Potential risks to our price target include: a weaker-than-expected global economy that would negatively impact pulp prices, continuing upward pressure on the Canadian dollar, and an increase in fiber prices in British Columbia.

# **Appendix 1. Financial Statements**

Exhibit 23. Income Stat	ement (\$ 000)		
	2005	2006E	2007E
	Proforma	Proforma	
Sales	\$783,900	\$892,211	\$890,563
Cost Of Sales	650,900	753,314	745,335
EBITDA	133,000	138,897	145,228
Depreciation	47,200	47,204	47,204
Operating Profit	85,800	91,693	98,024
Other Expenses (Gains)	0	0	0
Financial Expenses	10,000	10,000	10,000
Earnings Before Income Taxes	75,800	81,693	88,024
Income Taxes	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0
Net Earnings	75,800	81,693	88,024
Capital Expenditures	(34,000)	(34,000)	(34,000)
Depreciation & Amortization	47,200	47,204	47,204
Distributable Cash	89,000	94,897	101,228
Distributable Cash Per Unit	\$1.25	\$1.33	\$1.42
Weighted Average Number Of Units	71,262	71,262	71,262
Source: Company reports and CIBC World Mar	kets Inc.		

Exhibit 24. Cash Flow Statement (\$ 000)	)

Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

	2005	2006E	2007E
	Proforma	Proforma	
Cash Flow From Operations			
Net Income	n/a	\$81,693	\$88,024
Depreciation	n/a	47,204	47,204
Deferred Income Taxes	n/a	0	0
Other	n/a	0	0
Minority Interest	n/a	0	0
Change In Non-cash Working Capital	n/a	(7,077)	1,822
	n/a	121,820	137,050
Investing Activities	n/a	34,000	34,000
Financing Activities	n/a	(94,897)	(101,228)
Increase (Decrease) In Cash	n/a	(7,077)	1,822
Cash At The Beginning	n/a	650	(6,427)
Cash At The End	n/a	(6,427)	(4,604)

Exhibit 25. Bal	ance Sheet	(\$	000)
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	2005	2006E	2007E
	Proforma		
Assets			
Cash	\$650	\$0	\$0
Other Current Assets	204,634	222,723	220,733
Total Current Assets	205,284	222,723	220,733
Property, Plant & Equipment	631,138	617,934	604,730
Goodwill	0	0	0
Investments	0	0	0
Other Assets	90	90	90
Total Assets	836,512	840,747	825,553
Bank Indebtedness	0	6,427	4,604
Other Current Liabilities	79,702	90,714	90,547
Current Portion Of Long-term Debt	0	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	79,702	97,141	95,151
Long-term Debt	125,000	125,000	125,000
Other Long-term Liabilities	25,700	25,700	25,700
Deferred Income Taxes	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	230,402	247,841	245,851
Total Unitholders' Equity	606,110	592,906	579,702
Total Liabilities And Unitholders' Equity	836,512	840,747	825,553
Units Outstanding	71,262	71,262	71,262
Book Value	\$11.74	\$11.80	\$11.58
Total Debt to Total Capital	17%	18%	18%
Courses Company reports and CIDC World Markets Inc.			

Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

# **Appendix 2. Directors And Officers**

#### **Board Of Directors**

Peter J.G. Bentley, O.C., LL.D. has served on Canfor's Board since 1966. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Canfor and of Canfor's principal subsidiary, CFP, and Co-chairman and a director of HSPP General Partner Ltd., the general partner of Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Limited Partnership. After working in various positions throughout Canfor, Mr. Bentley became Executive Vice-President in 1970, President in 1975, and Chairman and CEO in 1985, a position he held until April 24, 1995. Mr. Bentley was reappointed to the position of President and CEO of Canfor on July 25, 1997, and relinquished the position on January 1, 1998. Mr. Bentley is President and a director of Sierra Mountain Minerals Inc. and a member of the Board of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, a member of the Advisory Board of BuildDirect.com and a Trustee and Chair Emeritus of the Vancouver General Hospital and University of British Columbia Hospital Foundation. He also served for many years as a director of Bank of Montreal and Shell Canada Ltd. Mr. Bentley is Chancellor of the University of Northern British Columbia. He holds an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from the University of British Columbia.

**Stan Bracken-Horrocks** is a retired partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and held various leadership positions during his career with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, including Global Leader of its Forest and Paper Industry practice. As a member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, Mr. Bracken-Horrocks served as a member of the Board of Governors and a member of the Accounting Standards Committee and, as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia, he served as a member of council, Vice-President and President. Mr. Bracken-Horrocks is a director of Business Development Corporation, director and treasurer of the Vancouver Police Foundation and a director of G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre.

**Donald Campbell** is the Group President of CAE Inc., a position he has held since May 2002. Mr. Campbell joined CAE in September 2000 and served as Executive Vice President. Prior to this position, Mr. Campbell served as Deputy Foreign Minister and as the Prime Minister's Personal Representative for G-8 Summits (1997–2000), Canada's Ambassador to Japan (1993–1997), Deputy Minister for International Trade (1989–1993) and Canada's Ambassador to Korea (1984–1985). Mr. Campbell is currently a director of Toyota Canada Inc., Rutter Inc., and the Perimeter Institute. In April 1999, Mr. Campbell received the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada from the Governor General and the Prime Minister. In 2003, Mr. Campbell was appointed by the Prime Minister as the Canadian co-chairman of the Canada-Japan Forum, an external advisory group established by the governments of Japan and Canada to provide advice and to promote the bilateral relationship between the two countries.

Charles Jago was appointed President of the University of Northern British Columbia in 1995, in the institution's second full year of operations. Dr. Jago's professional service has included membership on the Boards of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, and the Office of Partnerships for Advanced Skills (OPAS). He has served as Chair of the Council of Western University Presidents and The University President's Council of British Columbia and the Northern BC United Way. In the late 1990s he was one of three commissioners of the Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund, formed to resolve long-standing social and environmental issues related to the Nechako River. He is also a member of the Board of Initiatives of Prince George and of Partnerships BC Inc. Dr. Jago received his BA in Honors English and History from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, and graduated as the Honors gold medalist from Huron College (an affiliated college of the UWO) and with a Commonwealth Scholarship for graduate study at Cambridge University in Britain. In 1969 he graduated from Cambridge with a PhD in History. Dr. Jago was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for community service in 2003. He received the Order of Canada for his 25 years of outstanding achievement and service to education in June 2005.

**Peter Lusztig** is Dean Emeritus, Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration, the University of British Columbia. Mr. Lusztig served as the federal commissioner for the B.C. Treaty Commission (Federal) (1995–2003) and is a past director of Canfor. He is also a Trustee of the Health Benefit Trust (B.C.). Mr. Lusztig received his Commerce Degree from the University of British Columbia, his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario and his Doctorate Degree from Stanford University.

**Paul A. Richards** is the President and CEO of the General Partner and holds the position of Vice-President, Pulp and Paper of Canfor. Prior to May 2, 2005, Mr. Richards was Vice-President, Pulp Manufacturing for Weldwood of Canada Limited, overseeing operations at Hinton and Quesnel, a position he held from 1997 to 2004. Prior to that, he served in a variety of positions with Repap from 1984 to 1997, most recently Vice President and General Manager of Repap New Brunswick. Mr. Richards is also a director of PAPRICAN. Mr. Richards received a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree from the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

James A. Shepherd is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Canfor. Mr. Shepherd was appointed President of Canfor on April 1, 2004, and CEO of Canfor on April 30, 2004. From February 1999 to July 2000, Mr. Shepherd was the President and Chief Operating Officer of Slocan Forest Products Ltd. and was appointed CEO of Slocan in July 2000. Prior to this appointment, he was the President and Chief Operating Officer of Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd. and President of Finlay Forest Industries Limited. Mr. Shepherd received his Mechanical Engineering degree from Queen's University. He is a director of the Council of Forest Industries, the B.C. Progress Board, the B.C. Forest Safety Council and University of Northern British Columbia and Chairman of the Forest Products Association of Canada.

#### **Officers**

**Paul A. Richards** is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the General Partner (see above).

Joe Nemeth is the Vice President, Pulp and Paper Sales and Marketing of the General Partner and has held the position of Vice President, Pulp & Paper Marketing of Canfor since January 2003. Mr. Nemeth's career spans a broad range of forest industry experience. This includes Woodlands, Solid Wood Products and Pulp & Paper sectors in both production and marketing disciplines. Prior to joining Canfor, Mr. Nemeth spent 14 years with Fletcher Challenge Canada (now Catalyst Paper), with his last two positions being Paper Mill Manager at Elk Falls and Vice-President, North American Newsprint Sales. He has a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Forestry (Honours) degree from the University of British Columbia.

**Thomas Sitar** is the Chief Financial Officer of the General Partner. Prior to that, he was Chief Financial Officer of Gryphon Gold Corporation from November 2004 to May 2006. From 1998 to 2003, he was Vice President, Finance of Weldwood of Canada Limited. Mr. Sitar has 25 years' experience in the financial management of public companies, including his position as Treasurer of Weldwood when it was a Toronto Stock Exchange-listed company. He has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Windsor and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of B.C.

#### **Our DCFPU estimates are shown below:**

	1 Qtr.	2 Qtr.	3 Qtr.	4 Qtr.	Yearly
2005 Current					
2006 Current			\$0.40E	\$0.38E	\$0.78E
2007 Current					\$1.42E

#### **Our CD estimates are shown below:**

	1 Qtr.	2 Qtr.	3 Qtr.	4 Qtr.	Yearly
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2006 Current			\$0.44E	\$0.34E	\$0.78E
2007 Current					\$1.28E

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PRT Forest Regeneration Income Fund (2g, 7) (PRT.UN-TSX, \$10.20, Sector Performer)

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Sector Underperformer (Sell)	63	7.9%	Sector Underperformer (Sell)	27	42.9%
Restricted	15	1.9%	Restricted	12	80.0%

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(as of 28 Sep 2006)	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships	Count	Percent
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Sector Performer (Hold/Neutral)	9	56.3%	Sector Performer (Hold/Neutral)	6	66.7%
Sector Underperformer (Sell)	3	18.8%	Sector Underperformer (Sell)	2	66.7%
Restricted	1	6.3%	Restricted	1	100.0%

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