

June 4, 2018

Christina Zacharuk President and CEO of PSEC Secretariat 2nd Floor, 880 Douglas Street Victoria, BC V8W 2B7

Dear Ms. Zacharuk:

As Chair of the Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. Board of Directors, I hereby confirm that the Board is aware of the compensation paid to the Company's CEO and other Executive members in 2017/18, and I confirm that it is accurate and in accordance with the compensation plan most recently approved by PSEC in 2016.

Yours truly,

Tim Sheldan Chair, Board of Directors Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.

cc. Michael Loseth President & CEO Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.





# Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. Executive Compensation Report for 2017/18

### Background

Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd. (FII) is a Provincial Crown corporation with a mandate to improve British Columbia's position as a preferred global supplier of world-class, environmentally friendly forest products. It does this through supporting the work that forest industry trade associations do in North America, Asia and Europe, and through activities delivered by FII staff in Vancouver and the staff of subsidiary companies in China and India.

#### **Compensation Philosophy**

FII is a relatively small service-delivery agency in which each position is unique. Attracting and retaining exceptionally capable people is paramount to its success. The compensation plans for FII and its subsidiaries were set some years ago by the parent company's Board of Directors and approved by the Public Sector Employers' Council. Compensation for each position, except for the CEO position as noted below, was derived from independent assessments of benchmark compensation for comparable positions in other organizations.

Those assessments were done for BC-based staff by Western Compensation and Benefits Consultants (WCBC) in 2005, 2007 and 2015. Benchmarking assessments were done in China by Mercer Human Resource Consulting in 2007 and 2008 and updated in 2015 with data drawn from employers in Shanghai. Compensation for staff in India is keyed to data provided in 2011 by the consulting firm, Futurestep and was updated again in 2015.

The Board of Directors has adopted a philosophy of setting the maximum compensation for each position at a level usually equivalent to the median compensation in the organizations studied by the independent compensation consultants.

In 2015 PSEC approved a new compensation plan for FII's Vancouver, Shanghai and India staff which included a three-year implementation plan with specified adjustments until July 2019.

## **Elements of Compensation**

Compensation for each position includes:

- Base salary;
- Employer contributions to the Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance, and Workers Compensation;
- Employer contributions to the Public Service Pension Plan or to a group Registered Retirement Savings Plan;
- The Employer-paid premiums for the BC Medical Services Plan, extended health and dental care, short- and long-term disability, and group life insurance; and
- Annual vacation that is not taken but rather cashed out in a given year.

FII does not provide performance incentives for any position.

#### Administration

As is common throughout the Provincial ministries, employees at FII typically start at a salary that is about 85 percent of the approved maximum for a position, and then move up in the salary range subject to demonstrating increased knowledge, competence and productivity.

Annual vacation entitlement and the package of other benefits are virtually identical to the standard in BC government ministries.

From time to time, a position may be created, eliminated or significantly re-specified to reflect changing priorities and levels of funding. Compensation for a significantly revised or new position is based on interpolation within the approved compensation plan to ensure that it is fair not only to the person directly affected, but also to all other employees.

#### **CEO Compensation**

The CEO position has not been managed through the benchmarking process. In 2016 FII's acting CEO the (incumbent COO) was promoted to CEO at a salary stipulated by FII's Board Chair and approved by PSEC.

#### Executive Compensation for 2017/18

The government-wide reporting protocol stipulates public disclosure of compensation for "the CEO and the next four highest ranking corporate officers, administrators, corporate administrators, executives or executive officers in charge of the management of a corporation, company, organization or agency" whose base salary was \$125,000 or greater. The following table contains that compensation data for 2017/18, based on actual amounts paid to each such employee or paid in respect of the employee's benefits package.

## Summary Compensation Table at 2018

							Previous Two Years Totals Total Compensation	
Name and Position	Salary	Holdback/Bonus/ Incentive Plan Compensation	Benefits	Pension	All Other Compensation (expanded below)	2017/2018 Total Compensation	2016/2017	2015/2016
Forest Innovation Investment						· · · · · ·		
Michael Loseth, CEO	\$ 175,416	-	\$ 11,017	\$ 18,635	\$ 13,365	\$ 218,433	\$ 195,973	\$ 209,205
Douglas Greig, CFO & VP, Finance & Administration	\$ 147,173	-	\$ 10,683	\$ 15,542	\$ 9,242	\$ 182,640	\$ 190,943	\$ 183,414
Bruce St John, Vice President, International Marketing	\$ 154,614	-	\$ 10,816	\$ 15,809	\$ 3,910	\$ 185,149	\$ 125,085	
Sonya Zeitler-Fletcher, Vice President, Market Development	\$ 143,055	-	\$ 10,418	\$ 15,063	\$ 3,485	\$ 172,021	\$ 169,585	\$ 162,691
China								
Lisa Dou, General Manager	\$ 194,842	-	\$ 4,025	\$ 15,206	\$ 26,069	\$ 240,142	\$ 230,882	\$ 230,594

## Summary Other Compensation Table at 2018

Name And Position	All Other Compensation	Severance	Vacation payout	Leave payout	Vehicle / Transportation Allowance	Perquisites / other Allowances	Other
Forest Innovation Investment							
Michael Loseth, CEO	\$ 13,365	-	\$ 13,365	-	-	-	,
Douglas Greig, CFO & VP, Finance & Administration	\$ 9,242	-	\$ 5,686	-	-	-	\$ 3,556
Bruce St John, Vice President, International Marketing	\$ 3,910	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 3,910
Sonya Zeitler-Fletcher, Vice President, Market Development	\$ 3,485	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 3,485
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Lisa Dou, General Manager	\$ 26,069	-	\$ 25,390	-	-	-	\$ 679

#### Notes

Michael Loseth, CEO	
Douglas Greig, CFO & VP, Finance & Administration	Other Note: includes parking (\$3,060) and health& wellness benefits (\$496)
Bruce St John, Vice President, International Marketing	<b>General Note:</b> compensation increased this year versus last year due to this being Bruce's first full year being reported in the position Other Note: includes parking (\$3,060) and health & wellness benefit (\$850)
Sonya Zeitler-Fletcher, Vice President, Market Development	Other Note: includes parking (\$3,060) and health & wellness benefit (\$425)
Lisa Dou, General Manager	Other Note: includes health & wellness benefit