



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF:

IRVING FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.
TRANSFER OF
SAWMILL FACILITY IN
MASARDIS, AROOSTOOK COUNTY
L-021826-0001
Roundwood NOITC Project #50
A-165-70-L-T
W008277-5S-B-T
MER05C157
S-20628-WR-E-T

) **LICENSE TRANSFER**
) Site Location of Development
) Natural Resources Protection Act
) Roundwood & Lumber Storage Yard
) Air Emissions
) Wastewater Discharge
) Multi-Sector General Permit
) Solid Waste
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) **APPROVAL**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Site Location of Development Act (Site Law), 38 M.R.S. §§ 481–489-E; the Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA), 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A–480-JJ; Protection and Improvement of Air laws (Air Emissions), 38 M.R.S. §§ 344 and 581–610-D; Wastewater Discharge laws (Wastewater), 38 M.R.S. §§ 413 to 415; Stormwater Management Law (Stormwater), 38 M.R.S. § 420-D; Maine Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act (Solid Waste), 38 M.R.S. §§ 1301-1319-Y; rules promulgated pursuant to these laws and the Department’s Chapter 2: *Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters*, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2 (2024), the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has considered the application of IRVING FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. with its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. APPLICATION SUMMARY

On January 21, 2025, Irving Forest Products, Inc., (applicant), submitted an application to the Department for the transfer of all active licenses, as defined in 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2, § 1(O), and any applications pending, relating to the former Daaquam Lumber Maine Inc. lumber mill and associated facilities, currently known as the Masardis Lumber Mill (facility) located at 1200 Masardis Road in the Town of Masardis. The facility currently holds Department licenses pursuant to the following programs: Site Law, NRPA, Air Emissions, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Solid Waste.

The Department accepted the applicant’s multi-program license transfer application as complete for processing on February 11, 2025. A schedule of licenses and applications that are the subject of the application, and this Department Order, is set forth in Appendix A. The

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intent of this Order is to transfer any active licenses or pending applications that apply to the facility. Any active Department license or applications concerning the facility not specifically listed in this Order are incorporated herein.

2. TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

The applicant submitted the following information in support of the transfer application:

- A. Applicant.** The full name and address of the applicant is: Irving Forest Products, Inc., 3 Chase Avenue, Augusta, Maine, 04330. The applicant is a duly organized Maine corporation registered and in good standing with the Maine Secretary of State.
- B. Title, Right, or Interest.** The applicant has submitted a Quit Claim Deed with Covenant and Release Deed, dated December 31, 2024, demonstrating the transfer of ownership of the facility to the applicant. The Department finds that this Deed provides sufficient evidence of title to the facility to allow the transfer of licenses and applications to the applicant.
- C. Financial Capacity and Intent.** The applicant has submitted estimates of compliance costs at the facility and a financial statement indicating sufficient funds will be available for these expenses. This includes completing the stormwater project set forth in Department Order #L-21826-21-F-B. The Department finds that applicant has demonstrated sufficient financial capacity and intent to assure compliance with all Department licenses relating to the facility.
- D. Technical Capacity and Intent.** The applicant has submitted a statement of its experience operating similar mills and maintaining compliance with permit requirements. The applicant intends to retain existing personnel sufficient to ensure compliance through the transition. The applicant has also retained qualified consultants to ensure compliance with all conditions of licenses. The applicant has specifically committed to completing the stormwater project set forth in Department Order Amendment #L-21826-21-F-B. The Department finds that the information submitted in the application provides sufficient evidence that the applicant has the technical capacity and intent to comply with all Department licenses, pending applications, and any statutory and regulatory criteria applicable to the facility.
- E. Air Emissions Certification.** The applicant certifies that there will be no increase in air emissions beyond that provided for in the existing licenses, either in quantity or type, without Department approval.
- F. Solid Waste Facility Disclosure.** The disclosure statement provided by the applicant in accordance with the Department's Solid Waste Rules General Provisions, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 400(12), reveals that Irving Forest Products, Inc., and its facility directors and operators, have no record of any criminal or civil violations or consent decrees in the last

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five years. Department records indicate there are no current or pending unresolved violations relating to the facility.

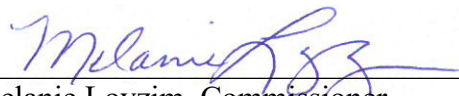
BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS OF FACT, the Department CONCLUDES that Irving Forest Products, Inc has demonstrated title, right, or interest to the facility as well as the technical and financial capacity and intent to comply with the conditions of all active Department licenses and pending applications associated with the facility described in this Order's findings, including without limitation those licenses and applications listed in Appendix A, and to satisfy all applicable statutory and regulatory criteria, subject to the conditions set forth below.

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the application of IRVING FOREST PRODUCTS, INC., SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS, and all applicable standards:

1. **EFFECT ON EXISTING ORDERS.** All other Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Conditions associated with all approvals that are the subject of this Order remain as approved and are incorporated herein.
2. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision, or part thereof, of this License Transfer shall not affect the remainder of the provision or any other provisions. This License Transfer shall be construed and enforced in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision or part thereof had been omitted.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE THIS ___11th___ DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

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By: 
Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

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APPENDIX A: LICENSES AND APPLICATIONS

AIR EMISSIONS

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
A-165-73-A-R	Air Emission License renewal	6/7/85
A-165-73-B-R/A	Air Emission License renewal with amendment to move boiler from Ashland to Masardis	1/11/93
A-165-73-D-M	Remove COMS and amend soot blowing schedule	3/28/95
A-165-70-A-I	Initial Part 70 license	3/15/01
A-165-70-B-R	Part 70 license renewal	3/4/05
A-165-70-C-A	Establish facility-wide HAP limits	1/10/07
A-165-77-1-A	NSR #1 to add finger jointer line	1/6/14
A-165-70-D-R/A	Part 70 license renewal with incorporation of NSR #1	2/20/14
A-165-77-2-M	NSR #2 to include the firing of cardboard	6/20/14
A-165-70-E-A	Incorporation of NSR #2	6/20/14
A-165-70-F-R	Transfer from Fraser Timber to Maibec Lumber	11/26/14
A-165-77-3-A	NSR #3 to add new dry kiln and fire pump	7/10/17
A-165-70-G-A	Incorporation of NSR #3	10/3/17
A-165-70-H-R	Part 70 license renewal	2/8/19
A-165-77-4-A	NSR #4 to install micro-steam back pressure turbine on Boiler #1	6/9/23
A-165-77-5-A	NSR #5 to replace 6 kilns with 4 larger ones	11/17/23
A-165-70-J-R/A	Part 70 license renewal with incorporation of NSR #4 and #5	pending

SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
L-21826-21-A-N	Site location of Development/Water Quality Certification	11/10/04
L-21826-21-B-C	Condition Compliance	8/2/05
L-21826-21-C-T	Transfer from Fraser Timber to Maibec Lumber	11/26/14
L-21826-21-D-B	Site Location Amendment	7/26/17

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L-21826-21-E-N	NRPA Freshwater Wetland Alteration	7/26/17
L-21826-21-F-B	Site Location Amendment	10/22/24
Project #50	Roundwood & Lumber Storage Yard Exemption NOI	5/01/25

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
S-10258-WD-A-M	Bark pile closing plan	7/23/84
S-20628-11-A-N	Wood Waste Landfill	3/2/92
S-20628-WF-B-C	Condition compliance	10/23/92
S-20628-WF-C-M	Corrected copy MR-Phase 4 base fill	9/2/14
S-20628-WF-D-M	MR-Solid waste boundary adjustment	10/7/14
S-20628-WF-E-T	Transfer from Fraser Timber to Maibec Lumber	11/26/14

WASTEWATER / STORMWATER

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
MER05C157	Notice of Intent to Operate Pursuant to Maine Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity No. MER050000 dated 12/07/2016	09/08/2023
W008277-5S-A-N	Protection and Improvement of Waters: Waste Discharge License MEU508277	09/08/2023