

# GreenFirst Signs Definitive Agreement to Sell Two Sawmills for Approximately \$90M

- Sale of GreenFirst’s two Quebec sawmills, which have a combined annual capacity of 245MMfbm, and related Abitibi and Témiscamingue forestry operations
- Strategic transaction to unlock significant shareholder value
- GreenFirst expects to use the net proceeds from the divestiture to strengthen its balance sheet and continue investing in its Ontario operations
- Sale expected to close in Q1 2023

TORONTO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--December 21, 2022--GreenFirst Forest Products Inc. (TSX: GFP) (“**GreenFirst**”) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its La Sarre and Béarn sawmills and its Abitibi and Témiscamingue forestry operations, as well as their related assets and business operations (the “**Quebec Assets**”) to Chantiers Chibougamau Ltée (“**Chantiers Chibougamau**”), a long-standing Quebec-based and family-controlled forestry company, for approximately \$90 million in cash payable at closing, including approximately \$40 million for specific working capital items (subject to customary closing adjustments). Quebec-based employees are expected to continue to be employed by Chantiers Chibougamau post-closing.

GreenFirst expects to use the net proceeds from the sale to strengthen its balance sheet and continue investing in its Ontario operations. The sale of the Quebec Assets is expected to close in Q1 2023.

The sale has been unanimously approved by GreenFirst’s Board of Directors and is subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of applicable regulatory approvals and Competition Act approval. The sale is not subject to any financing conditions. Under applicable corporate law, Chantiers Chibougamau has all approvals to conclude the transaction.

“This divestiture represents a unique opportunity to unlock shareholder value and concentrate on our operations in Ontario, where we will continue to focus and invest. We thank all of our dedicated Québec-based employees for their longstanding effort and support. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition to the family-based Chantiers Chibougamau. This transaction is a win-win for both Chantiers Chibougamau and GreenFirst as it strengthens the alignment of each company’s primary focus and growth strategies.” said Paul Rivett, Chairman of GreenFirst.

BMO Bank of Montreal is acting as exclusive financial advisor to GreenFirst.

## About GreenFirst

GreenFirst Forest Products is a forest-first business, focused on sustainable forest management and lumber production. Post-closing the Company will own 5 sawmills and 1 paper mill in Ontario and will remain a leading lumber producer in Canada having an annual lumber production capacity of 660MMfbm. GreenFirst’s mills are located in rich wood baskets proudly

operating over 6.1 million hectares of FSC® certified public Canadian forestlands (FSC®-C167905). The Company believes that responsible forest practices, coupled with the long-term green advantage of lumber, provide GreenFirst with significant cyclical and secular advantages in building products. GreenFirst's long-term vision is to be a leader in the global forestry industry.

### **About Chantiers Chibougamau**

Chantiers Chibougamau, a family business, has been manufacturing and marketing highly competitive forestry products since 1961. More than 1150 people work at Chantiers Chibougamau, making it the largest employer in the municipalities of Chibougamau and Lebel-sur-Quévillon (Nordic Kraft), and consequently in the entire Northern Quebec region. The company also plays a similar role in Landrienne, near Amos, with Scierie Landrienne, and has a design and project management office, Nordic Structures, in Montreal. In addition to kraft pulp, lumber and renewable energy, Nordic Structures' engineered wood products have an important place in the North American market.

### **Forward Looking Information**

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