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Notice of Termination of The Licence of Occupation from the Port Authority to Cantimber Biotech Inc.

The Port Alberni Port Authority (PAPA) is disappointed to announce that the Licence of Occupation and, with it, the efforts to achieve an Operating Permit, with Cantimber Biotech Inc. (Cantimber) has been terminated .

After much research and efforts among PAPA, the City, British Columbia Ministry of Environment and many community stakeholders, including local small businesses, the Company achieved an agreement in May, 2015 to create and operate an activated carbon manufacturing facility in one of the Port's storage warehouses. The goal was to utilize wood waste that remains from area logging operations – much of it burned off every year, harming our air shed – into a value-added commodity product used for many environmentally-beneficial activities, such as water filtration and natural fertilizer. However, concerns about potential adverse air quality and health impacts arose during the company's operational commissioning trials resulting in the ceasing of operations in June 2016.

The Port authority invested a significant amount of its own resources to engage community partners and contract Golder & Associates to conduct a thorough operational review. PAPA invested these resources on behalf of our shared priorities with the community for a healthy environment and economic development. The result of Golder's review was a report completed in December of 2016 listing 21 recommendations. This report was shared with and vetted by community partners, including BC Ministry of Environment, Vancouver Island Health Authority, First Nations Health Authority and the City of Port Alberni, in December of 2016, listing 21 recommendations. The recommendations needed to be implemented before a new, revised permit to operate would be issued to Cantimber by PAPA.

Unfortunately, after more than a year of additional support, encouragement and best efforts by PAPA, Cantimber was unable to meet the requirements to operate. Therefore, the Port and the company have mutually agreed to terminate the licence of occupation. The result of this decision is that the facility will be dismantled and assets made available for sale in accordance to due process.

The Port thanks the community and partners for your patience, interest and contributions to our efforts to foster economic development while ensuring our health and safety. We will continue to fulfill our mandate to facilitate economic and community development as we work to support the diversity, transition and prosperity of our community, region and country.

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