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## Bio-methanol project receives IFIT funding

**Boyle, AB, Oct.13, 2011** – Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (AI-Pac) welcomes the federal government's \$4.5 million announcement in support of the company's Methanol Purification Project at its Boyle, Alberta facility.

The funding means AI-Pac now has the approvals necessary for the installation of equipment which will see bio-methanol separated and purified at Alberta-Pacific using a new technology developed in a partnership with A.H. Lundberg. It is the first of its kind in the industry.

AI-Pac already produces unpurified bio-methanol which is burned as a fuel in a kiln to help recycle lime. The integration of the new technology will see this bio-methanol purified and used in the production of a pulp whitening agent. The remainder of the bio-methanol produced will be commercially sold.

"Bio-methanol is one of many products we can produce and it is the result of research and innovation in the pulp industry," says Al Ward, Alberta-Pacific's president and COO. "Alberta-Pacific is here for the long-term and today's funding announcement makes our goal of becoming a more diversified manufacturer a reality."

Today's federal funding announcement is part of the Government of Canada's \$100 million Investments in Forest Industry Transformation (IFIT) program.

The methanol purification project requires the construction of a building on the company's millsite to house equipment. Tie-ins to existing equipment were put in place during the company's maintenance shutdown in spring and the company will begin purifying and selling bio-methanol in the first quarter of 2012.

AI-Pac is North America's largest single-line kraft pulp mill, producing 650,000 air-dried metric tonnes of bleached hardwood and softwood pulp annually. The company's 450 team members are focused on producing quality pulp for customers around the world and environmental leadership. In 2005, AI-Pac received Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification, a leading standard that embraces social and environmental values along with sound forest management and manufacturing practices.