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**To Whom it May Concern**

**Laurie Forestry Limited**

For several years now Timaru District Council has employed Laurie Forestry Limited for professional services relating to the management of our forestry estate.

Services provided by the company have included:

- Advice and management of Emissions Trading Scheme in which our Council has the majority of the forestry assets registered
- Valuation of tree crops both for sale and in land lease negotiations
- Sales and harvesting management – particularly over the past three years and especially so in relation to the sale and harvest of significant areas of windthrown forest trees which occurred in the major wind events of September 2013
- General forest management and advice on a range of issues

We particularly value that as a company Laurie Forestry Limited has a real time involvement in the Forestry sector both nationally and internationally, ensuring that advice and recommendations given by them are technically correct, up to date and in step with current market trends and requirements.

Their delivery of service has always been exemplary with on time delivery and a willingness to be available for consideration and actioning of our requests at all times. All staff are pleasant and professional to deal with and we are fortunate to have their services located within our region.

I would be happy to discuss their track record for our Council with anyone considering use of their services.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Foster", is written over a white background.

Gary Foster  
**Parks Liaison Officer**