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Premier Horgan's Speech Lifted Loggers' Hearts

January 19, 2018, Vancouver – Premier John Horgan's speech about the need to reinvigorate social license in BC's forest industry resonated yesterday with TLA members at the Truck Loggers Association 75th Annual Convention & Trade Show in Victoria.

"Licensees appear to have more sway than they've ever had before, and less responsibility than they've ever had before," said Premier John Horgan. "I appreciate that the major licensees may take issue with that statement. But it's a certainty in many communities that the relationship between the tenure holder and community has been broken."

The Premier also spoke about the Contractor Sustainability Review report which is expected in the next few weeks and his anticipation for it. "The TLA board and our members are also waiting eagerly for the report," said David Elstone, TLA Executive Director. "We're hopeful it will suggest real changes to improve the prospects for timber harvesting contractors across BC."

The TLA (Truck Loggers Association) represents 489 independent forest contractors and their suppliers operating in British Columbia. Our membership supports thousands of workers and, along with other independent contractors, accounts for close to 90 per cent of the trees harvested in BC. The TLA promotes a thriving, sustainable forest industry in BC.

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