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shishalh Nation and A&A Trading Ltd. Advance their Economic Relations and Support Reconciliation

shishalh Nation, BC – On Thursday, January 27, 2022, shishalh Nation (shishalh) and A&A Trading Ltd. (A&A) took another important step in advancing their economic relationship and supporting the work of reconciliation. In 2018, shishalh and A&A fundamentally transformed their work together through a new Relationship Agreement. We are now continuing that work through the purchase by shishalh of 10,000 m³ of annual volume from A&A, with financial support from the Province of British Columbia.

Crown laws and policies have resulted in shishalh long being deprived of its proper jurisdictional, stewardship, and economic relationship with the forest resources of the shishalh swiya (world, lands, “Territory”) consistent with shishalh Title and Rights. The Foundation Agreement completed between shishalh and the Province of British Columbia signed in 2018 included goals to dramatically expand shishalh’s forestry economy; shishalh acquiring additional annual volume is one essential aspect of achieving this goal.

“This is another important step in expanding our economy and opportunities for our members. For too long, we were on the sidelines while our resources were managed and harvested by others. This important step by A&A Trading – who has shown strong leadership in transforming their relationship with us - is one example of how things are changing in ways that support a changed future. We are grateful to partners like A&A Trading who are walking this path with us”, said hiwus Warren Paull of shishalh.

A&A is a key partner of the shishalh Nation working together to implement innovative stewardship practices and protecting resources important to the Nation. “Our partnership with shishalh is an important example of how business can participate in advancing reconciliation. We are very proud of the work we have done together and are grateful for shishalh’s leadership creating predictability and new opportunities for our business, for shishalh, and for the well-being of all residents of the swiya. We look forward to a bright future working together and continuing to expand our partnership,” said John Mohammed, President of A&A Trading.

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