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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: P. ramorum status for the following British Columbia nursery or greenhouse  
Company: K & C Silviculture Ltd.  
Address: 33664 Hwy 97S, Oliver, BC V0H 1T0  
File No.: 141**

We act as solicitors for the British Columbia Landscape and Nursery Association ("BCLNA") who are co-ordinating the response to P. ramorum until the Nursery Certification Institute is established.

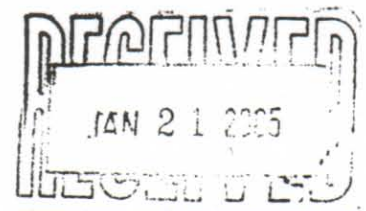
We confirm that we have been advised by the BCLNA that the above company has had the following procedures carried out in connection with their operations:

- (a) a minimum of 40 samples of host material from the nursery have been tested; and
- (b) visual field inspection of non-host material with samples taken of any materials with P. ramorum suspicious symptoms has been carried out with respect to stock in the nursery.

Each sample has been tested by government laboratories of either the Canadian Food Inspection Agency or the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries, and all results have been **negative** for P. ramorum.

This interim letter will be replaced with documentation issued by the Nursery Certification Institute (NCI) which is being established in early 2005 in Canada. The NCI will manage Canada's nursery certification processes, including a P. ramorum certification module. As soon as the registration process is completed, new documentation will be issued.

The NCI's P. ramorum certification module will include visual inspection, sampling and testing; signing of a compliance agreement; participation in a training workshop, implementation of best management practices and bio-security measures; a third party audit process to verify compliance.



If you require further information, please contact the grower directly.

Yours truly,

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