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Ted is the Director of Forest Products Innovation. He is focused to Advance the Bio-Economy in Alberta through the establishment and management of mission oriented research and development projects, programs and technology.

Prior to this engagement, Ted gained several years experience:

- 1) As a research scientist and program manager (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Canadian Forest Products Laboratory, Forintek Canada Corp. And Alberta Forest Industry Development of GOA).
- 2) As a forester in forest management and utilization (B.C. Forest Service, North Western Pulp and Power Co. Ltd, Canadian Collieries Ltd, MacMillan Bloedel Ltd and Canadian Collieries Ltd).
- 3) As a plywood mill Superintendent (Georgia Pacific Co. Ltd).

His academic background includes: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – MS, PhD Wood Science and Engineering; North American School of Conservation, Certificate of Merit in Park Management of Natural Resources; University de Catholic de Louvain, Belgium-course work in Physics and Mathematics; University of Carlton, Ottawa-course work in Business Management; and MacEwan University course work on Starting and Managing Small Businesses. He also possesses a Bachelor of Science in Forestry (Wood Utilization and Management) from the University of British Columbia. This degree was recognized as equivalent by the University of West Hungary. In 2011, the University of West Hungary has issued Ted a Golden Diploma on the basis of 50 years working experience in the forest management utilization area.

Ted is an active member of a number of professional organizations related to forest management and utilization, such as: Canadian Standards Association, American Society for Testing and Materials, International Standards Organization, Pulp and Paper Technical Association of Canada, Forest Products Society, College of Alberta Professional Foresters, American foresters Association, Canadian Institute of Forestry, Society of Wood Science and Technology, National Lumber Grades Authority and the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board.