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On March 4, 2020, certain members of the management team of Rayonier Inc. ("Rayonier") provided at an industry conference certain supplemental information about Rayonier's pending acquisition of Pope Resources, a Delaware limited partnership. A copy of relevant excerpts of the presentation follows.

Dave:

And then I'll wrap it up with a brief overview of our recently announced Pope acquisition. This was announced in mid January. We're very excited about this transaction. It is a perfect fit against a lot of the criteria that we've talked about. It's a high-quality asset. It's got a very high component of Douglas fir, 83% of the inventory is merchantable inventories in Douglas fir. So it brings our balance from 60% to 68%.

Why is that important? Douglas fir has higher values and more market optionality, especially to the Japan export market, as well as the domestic market. Because of the complementary age class of Pope's assets, we were also able to increase our sustainable yield in the Northwest by 32%. And then lastly, there's a lot of synergies from a management standpoint. The land that Pope has is a lot more gentle from a topography standpoint. That translates into lower logging costs. And therefore, more favorable harvest metrics.

And again, it gets back to that idea of optionality. When you're in — we want to be buying properties that help us both in good markets and bad markets. In bad markets, when you'd got more ground that doesn't require expensive cable logging, it just gives you a lot more options going forward.

We do expect this acquisition to be CAD accretive right out of the gate. There's fairly modest synergies of roughly \$5 million. We expect the EBITDA over the next five years to average \$38 million and CAD of \$25 million.

With that, I'll pause the opening comments and open it up for questions.

Anthony:

Great. Dave, you recently issues your 2020 harvest outlook. And I was wondering if you could kind of walk us through, between your three regions, kind of expectations around volume and then maybe sort of implied at the dopper(?) ton.

Dave:

Yeah, so after our 4th quarter earnings release, we released our guidance. And including in that was some slight increases in the harvest volumes. And it's important to note that those are really driven by acquisition activities and productivity improvements that we've made. If you add up the recent acquisitions that we've done in the US South, it equates to roughly 200,000 tons of incremental sustainable harvest. And that's really what the range, the low and the high end of the range bumped up accordingly in that.

We kept the Northwest the same. Obviously, once we complete the Pope Resources acquisition midyear, that will increase. And then New Zealand also had a slight increased, based on some recent acquisition activity that we completed down there.

And generally, we like to target the sustained yield when we think about harvest levels, but we always have some flexibility to move that up or down. A good

example right now with the current market situation with China is we're tapping on the breaks with New Zealand to not sort of put more volume into that market. So you have some flexibility, but we generally, certainly from a guidance standpoint, to try to think about that in that sustainable harvest level.

Anthony:

And then just moving to the US. I mean a lot of the companies at the conference this week have talked about the strength in the US housing market, the homebuilding season. Lumber prices have risen 11 weeks in a row. Obviously, you don't produce lumber, but can you talk about the demand for your logs in the South, the Pacific Northwest from domestic?

Dave:

Sure. A couple things to point out if you wind the clock back, there were a number of permanent mill closures in Canada the middle part of last year. And I think much of the market anticipated that we'd see a faster reaction from a lumber pricing standpoint. But what you have to take into account was there was a lot of inventory, lumber inventory in the pipeline that had to work itself out. And that really didn't occur until late last year.

And so we started seeing, I would say, more price elasticity on the log side late last year. We definitely saw it in the Northwest. We're enjoying some nice increase in pricing in the Northwest, both on a domestic side and in the Japan export side. And so that's a bright spot right now, in terms of our markets. And it will be nice to have that additional Pope volume to participate in that.

And then in the US South I think it very much depends on the neighborhood that you're in. There was – if you go back to the financial crisis, we've added a billion tons of inventory in the US South. But it's been very differentially distributed. Much more of that inventory in the interior parts of the US South. And so those markets right now have very weak growth to drain ratios, whereas the markets, the better quality markets are much more in balance. Over 60% of our Southern assets are in the top two markets in Northern Florida and Coastal Georgia. And that's a big difference when you think about it from a price elasticity standpoint.

And so we're encouraged by how our footprint is. And centrally the US South has had a lot of new sawmill capacity added. I think that capacity is still ramping up. It's not yet to the level of stated increase. And so we're continuing to monitor that. But we've been encouraged on the margin by what we've seen in terms of demand in the US South as well. And I think you're going to continue to see the US South grow as a proposition of North American production.

Anthony:

Right. Maybe just one last question from me and maybe Mark could speak to it. But just can you talk broadly about capital allocation following the close of the Pope deal? Sort of where you'll be from a leverage perspective, where you want to be and then just sort of uses of cash going forward?

Mark:

Yeah, sure. As we announced at the time of the Pope acquisition announcement, there are about \$300 million of cash uses that are going into the deal. And that's comprised of roughly \$165 million of cash consideration to the LP and GP holders of Pope, as well as about \$100 million rollover of debt in transaction fees and expenses.

And so if you kind of roll forward our 12/31 balance sheet, assuming the EBITDA contribution and the \$300 million of incremental debt that we're taking on to do the deal, the leverage will be at roughly 4.5 times net debt to EBITDA, which I'd say is generally at the higher end of where we like to target. And so we've indicated that we do expect to focus on sub-deleveraging and the near to medium term.

And again, we have a lot of tools at our disposal to do that. We obviously have the ability to sell parcels of timberland to achieve that. And that's certainly something that we'll be focusing on in the next several quarters.

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# Rayonier to Acquire Pope Resources







Stronger Company

## Strategic Benefits

- Significantly expands the scale of Rayonier's Pacific Northwest timberland portfolio
  - Adds 125k(1) acres of fee ownership
  - Increases PNW sustainable yield by 57 MMBF
- Significantly improves quality of Rayonier's Pacific Northwest portfolio
  - Increases proportion of Douglas-fir merchantable inventory from 60% to 68%
  - Increases proportion of ground-based logging, with significantly lower operating costs
  - Improves geographic and log market diversity
- Adds 17k "look-through"<sup>(2)</sup> acres from timber fund business
- Opportunity to leverage regional expertise in silvicultural practices, log marketing and logistics
- Enhances pipeline of value-added HBU and real estate development opportunities

## **Financial Benefits**

- Expected synergies of \$5 million<sup>(3)</sup> annually
  - Reduction of overhead expenses
  - Elimination of redundant public company costs
- Improves PNW cash flow per acre due to strong markets, favorable species mix and lower operating costs
- · Expected five-year average annual financial impact:

Adjusted EBITDA\*: +\$38 millionCAD\*: +\$25 million

- Expected to be accretive to CAD\* / share in first full year<sup>(3)</sup>
- Limits incremental leverage with minimum equity consideration of 70%
  - Opportunity to reduce debt through portfolio optimization / large dispositions
- UPREIT structure offers tax deferral option for Pope unitholders and facilitates future timberland acquisition opportunities for Rayonier

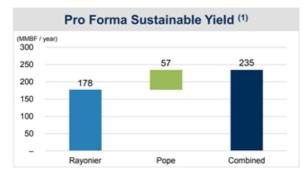


Includes approx. 6,000 acres representing long-term timber deeds, timber reservations from prior land sales, and lands located within real estate project areas.
 Look-through represents pro-rata ownership of the funds.

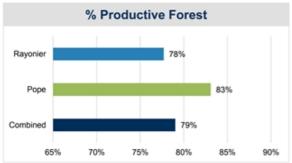
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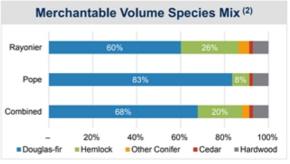
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# Pope Timberlands Significantly Enhance Rayonier Portfolio









Pope Resources' partnership timberland complements Rayonier's existing age-class distribution and materially upgrades the quality of our Pacific Northwest portfolio.

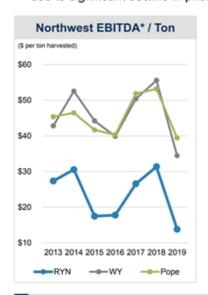


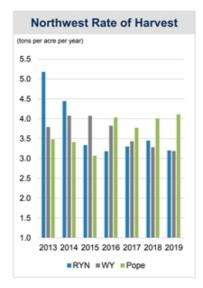
(1) See definition of sustainable yield in Rayonier's most recent Form 10-K.
(2) Rayonier age class and 35+ year old merchantable volume as of 09/30/19. Pope age class and 35+ year old merchantable volume represents partnership / fee timber only and is projected as of 12/31/19.

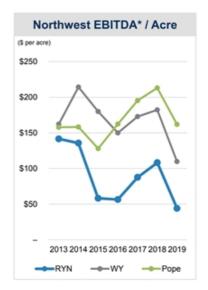
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# Pacific Northwest EBITDA\* Benchmarking

- · Following November 2014 announcements, Rayonier reduced its rate of harvest in the Northwest
- EBITDA\* per ton and EBITDA\* per acre both declined as a result of reduced harvest and, more recently, due to significant decline in pricing







Rayonier's Pacific Northwest EBITDA\* per ton has historically been below the peer group due to its higher proportion of hemlock volume (vs. Doug-fir) and higher mix of cable logging.



Source: WY EBITDA based on historical public filings, excludes PCL contribution in 2013 – 2015; Pope EBITDA based on historical public filings. Volume and acreage data for all peers based on historical public filings; assumes 8.0 tons per MBF for Pope.

\* Non-GAAP measure or pro forma item (see Appendix for definitions and RTN reconcilations).

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