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MEDIA STATEMENT:

Catalyst Crofton mill fined \$25,500 for environmental non-compliance

Richmond, BC - While the Crofton site has a good environmental record, from time to time unforeseeable equipment problems occur. In the summer of 2021, equipment failed on two occasions.

On July 21, 2021, an expansion joint failed without warning, resulting in untreated effluent discharging first into a foreshore pond system, and then overflowing into the Salish Sea.

On August 7, 2021, a four-year-old leachate/storm water pump installed to prevent this type of event failed and the two back-up pumps did not work as expected. Thankfully, the third level of back-up pumping started right away, which minimized the volume of untreated effluent discharged into the Salish Sea.

Catalyst Crofton has a long-standing history of environmental compliance and a committed environmental team. We continue to work to meet environmental standards and the expectations of our community.

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