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Laurel Van Dam  
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BC Tree Fruits  
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Dear Ms. Van Dam:

**Re: Tour of Facilities**

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On behalf of the RDOS, I'd like to welcome BC Tree Fruit's expansion into the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen. Direct Knodel has been keeping us informed of your progress. We are pleased to hear that the expansion is hitting some milestones and the new cherry line is to be ready for this year's crop.

As you are aware, your operation includes Electoral Areas "A" (Osoyoos Rural), "B" (Cawston), "C" (Oliver Rural), "G" (Keremeos Rural/Hedley) and the municipalities of Keremeos and Summerland. BC Tree Fruits is an important part of our region's economic health. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship.

Director Knodel has informed us that you are arranging a tour of the facilities and we would respectfully ask that you extend the invitation the RDOS Board of Directors.

The RDOS Board consists of twenty directors – nine electoral area directors and eleven municipal directors. Our directors are very dedicated to the agriculture in this area and they serve on various boards such as Okanagan Basin Water Board, Sterile Insect Release (SIR) program and BC Grapegrowers Starling control program.

We would like an opportunity to meet with your management team and offer any assistance we can to make your move to our area a complete success.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 250-490-4230 or [jzaffino@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:jzaffino@rdos.bc.ca).

Sincerely,



Jim Zaffino  
Chief Administrative Officer