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## PRESS RELEASE

### New Executive Director Appointed

*Ottawa, November 25th, 2003* – NAFA’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Lorraine Rekmans has been appointed to the position of Executive Director of the National Aboriginal Forestry Association.

Ms. Rekmans has served on staff at NAFA for the past two years as a Policy Analyst and Communications Officer. She has also been responsible for the Professional Development portfolio.

“NAFA is pleased to retain someone of Lorraine’s calibre,” said Steve Ginnish, Chair of NAFA. “Lorraine understands the issues and the importance of working cooperatively with many people and organizations. She brings a wealth of experience from her previous work in regional and provincial forestry work in Ontario. Lorraine will guide our new projects promoting a grass roots focus on forestry issues.”



Trained as a journalist with 10 years’ experience working in forest issues, Lorraine has extensive experience with Aboriginal rights issues in forest management. She is a member of the Serpent River First Nation band of Ojibway from the north shore of Lake Huron in Ontario.

“I am pleased and honoured to serve the NAFA membership and I look forward to exciting developments in forestry over the next few years,” she said.

NAFA is also pleased to announce that Mr. Harry Bombay, former Executive Director has been appointed to the position of Director of Strategic Initiatives. Mr. Bombay will continue to advise the Board of Directors and guide NAFA’s activities on strategic initiatives.

“We are pleased that Harry will stay on with NAFA. He has a wealth of knowledge that NAFA is able to retain and continue to benefit from,” said Ginnish.

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