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Raymond Pasemko, General Manager
ALDCO Wood Products Ltd., Chase, BC

As a new mill, we are currently working towards economic profitability. This mill was built with the purpose to create economic development in the community. With the exception of one person, everyone working here has had no previous mill experience. If you take a person who has had no experience around a mill and no training in safety, they're pretty much at a loss as to what to do.”

“We have been undertaking about 8 months of training. If someone were to get injured, we would basically have to start from scratch in training another individual. So, in terms of economics, it adds up to be quite an expense. It might be several months before we're back to our current level of production. So, for us it's very important that the people do not get hurt within the sawmill. We depend on the whole team. Absolutely.”

“Safety training is a part of the overall training. It's impossible to run a sawmill without people trained properly in aspects of grading, lumber production, lumber recovery, and safety.”

The risks of taking shortcuts are a major concern. “I emphasize to my guys that it might seem like a shortcut now, but if they're injured, it won't just affect themselves. Firstly, the injury will likely be painful and may affect them for the rest of their lives. Secondly, the injury will likely affect their families. And lastly, their injury will affect the other members working in the mill, especially if the mill has downtime. That means lost time and lost revenue for everyone.”

About ALDCO Wood Products

ALDCO Wood Products Ltd., located 12 km east of Chase, BC, is owned and operated by the Adams Lake Indian Band. We specialize in the production of oversized logs — manufacturing clear and shop lumber through to architectural beams and timbers. This specifically designed sawmill was built to handle 48" diameter logs up to 24' in length, utilizing thin kerf band saw technology for maximum recovery of wood fibre.

Employing 80% First Nations, production staff through to management creates 17 full-time employment positions. Production crews and staff have received training in wood technology, value added grading, selective sawing techniques, forklift and loader operations, and all health and safety issues related to our operations.

We currently hold a Natural Resource Forest License of 60,000 m³ in partnership with Big Foot Log Homes of Tappen, BC. Custom cutting and log trading relations with Adams Lake Lumber Ltd. (Interfor) combined with private log purchases provides the log volume to operate on a single shift basis, producing 3 MMFBM annually.

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