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Lakeland inquest to resume May 11

PRINCE GEORGE – The Coroner’s inquest into the fatal explosion at Lakeland Mills will re-commence at the Prince George courthouse on May 11.

The inquest was adjourned on March 25 to allow counsel to review newly-uncovered documents relating to the 2012 explosion, in particular, an investigation undertaken by the forensic engineering firm CASE Forensics at the request of lawyers for the mill’s owners.

When the inquest resumes, the lead investigator for CASE Forensics is expected to take the witness stand to testify regarding the investigation undertaken by his corporation. Other witnesses remaining to be called include several senior personnel from WorkSafeBC.

The inquest into the deaths of Allan Little and Glenn Roche had been sitting for 18 days and had heard from 47 witnesses when inquest counsel John M. Orr, QC, told the proceeding he had no choice but to ask for the adjournment to ensure that the newly-disclosed material could be properly canvassed.

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