



Reference: 281699

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Dear Mill Representative:

Re: 2024 Annual Major Timber Processing Facilities Survey

I am requesting your participation in the 2024 Major Timber Processing Facilities Survey (Mill List Survey). This annual survey collects information on the operation of primary timber processing facilities in British Columbia. The survey is a critical source of information for the province to understand industry trends and evaluate policy options.

As the province strives to maintain a competitive and high-value forest industry that provides jobs, economic stability and benefits to First Nations and communities, please provide the requested information to ensure that the province has the most accurate information possible. In addition to informing policy discussions, the survey responses will help decision-makers better understand the status of fibre use and industrial trends. Survey results will also be used in B.C.'s response to trade issues (e.g., the softwood lumber dispute).

Please note that the Mill List Survey information is required under Section 136 of the *Forest Act*.

Data provided in response to this survey is covered by Section 136.1 of the *Forest Act*, placing limits on disclosure of reported information. Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* also applies, preventing disclosure if certain conditions are met regarding harm to business interests.

Using the survey responses, the Ministry of Forests publishes a report entitled Major Timber Processing Facilities in British Columbia (available at [Major Timber Processing Facilities Survey - Province of British Columbia](#)). Mill specific information released in this report includes the company name, mill location and an estimate of annual output capacity. Other data is released at an aggregate level to protect confidentiality.

The Mill List Survey will be sent to you electronically. Thank you for cooperating in completing and returning the survey by the requested response date.

If you are not the appropriate person to complete the survey, would you kindly forward the survey to the proper contact. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Zhou at (778) 698-7378 or (778) 974-2039 or via email at mill.survey@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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