

# British Columbia Mill Status Report

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The Mill Status Report provides updated information on openings, closures, investments and other news of major timber processing facilities in British Columbia. For the latest available list of active mills, please refer to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations' "Major Primary Timber Processing Facilities in BC" report at:

[http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/fibre-mills/mill\\_report\\_2015\\_final.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/fibre-mills/mill_report_2015_final.pdf)

## Mill Closure:

On Dec 16, 2016, Tolko permanently closed its Merritt sawmill, affecting 203 employees and reducing provincial lumber capacity by 250 million board feet.

## Mill Opening:

In November 2016, Jemi Fibre Corporation, a subsidiary of CanWel Building Materials Group, opened a new chipping plant in Lumberton. This company's other operations included stump-to-dump contract logging in B.C. and Saskatchewan as well as post and peeling facilities and two pressure treating plants in Cranbrook.

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**SOURCES:** The sources include company news releases, media reports, information provided by analysts, and government contacts. Please note this list is not comprehensive and may miss some events that occurred at small mills.