



Also Serving – Interior Logging Association (ph 250-503-2199) & North West Loggers Association (ph 250-635-6801)

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Around the industry

Pacific BioEnergy Corporation (PBEC) has bought the assets of Kitwanga Lumber Company in Kitwanga, and plans to build a pellet and bioenergy plant there.

The company says KLC will be a cornerstone provider of the fibre required for the new pellet plant. KLC ceased operations last fall; when operating, the mill produces about 36 million board feet of lumber a year for export from about 150,000 m3 of timber.

Western Biomass Power Corp. and the Tsilhqot'in band are pushing for another chance to get BC Hydro to accept its proposal to build a 60-megawatt biomass power generation facility in Hanceville, west of Williams Lake. The company made a proposal under phase one of BC Hydro's Bioenergy Call last year, but the bid was unsuccessful. It now hopes to make an attempt under phase two. To be successful, the venture needs to raise an additional \$140 million to kick off the venture, and a 75-kilometre transmission line would have to be built.

Lender collapse hits Coast loggers hard

Up to 35 logging contractors operating on the B.C. coast face the likelihood of liquidating their business assets following the receivership of Nanaimo-based financier Forest & Marine Group.

The contractors, which employ more than 800 workers, are reportedly scrambling to find other lenders. The problem is that with the coastal forest industry in serious trouble, lenders want more loan security – and Forest & Marine was considered the financier of last resort.

TLA Executive Director Dave Lewis said with so much of Forest & Marine's loan portfolio not performing, other institutions are likely to be wary. He said even performing loans are being called, putting greater strain on sound logging companies.

"If these guys go out of business because they are foreclosed on it's going to drop our capacity. If the industry rebounds, there is going to be a need for capacity that won't be there," Lewis said.

SHARP'S annual conference, "SHARPen your Safety Senses - Understanding the Human Factor" is in Prince George Sept. 24 & 25. It's free for all CILA members and SAFE Certified or registered companies, and also qualifies as Safety Committee annual training per WorkSafe BC Regulations. For more information or to register, email Brad@conifer.ca or call 250-564-5166.

Do you need A Benefit Plan for yourself or your employees?

Call the CILA Office 250-562-3368 or email: info@cila.ca for info

Forest worker training, skills upgrading available

Forestry Worker Development Training will be offered across the Interior, Northeast and Northwest over the coming year through a partnership with the provincial and federal governments. People eligible for the no-cost training are self-employed, non-EI eligible individuals in the harvesting sector: Loggers, truckers, and service & supply, as well as unemployed non-EI eligible workers previously involved in forest management, silviculture, salvage logging, community forests, woodlots and log house-building.

The CILA, arranging for the training in this region, is developing possible training modules, and we'd appreciate your input so we can offer training that matches worker needs in the region.

Below is a list of possible courses – please check the ones you'd be interested in taking, and return the form to us by fax or e-mail. You can also suggest other courses or training you'd like to see offered.

- B.E.S.T. (Business Essential Skills Training): managing your business more effectively and profitably; bidding and costing
- Smart Driver for Forestry (reduce fuel consumption and mechanical breakdowns)
- Equipment Maintenance Basics --hands-on
- Truck Maintenance Basics – hands-on
- Supervisor Training (1day):
- Forestry Business Software (2 day) Trax Management System, SAFE Co's audit management system, costing templates including Certificate Bundle: WHIMIS, S100, S100 refresher, TDG, H2S Alive
- Computer Basics (2 day) :email, Internet searching, creating documents



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- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (2 day)
- Certificate Bundle: WHIMIS, S100, S100 refresher, TDG, H2S Alive Aware, Bear Aware
- Logger First Aid (1 day) : for remote operations where an ambulance won't come
- Level 1 First Aid with Transportation Endorsement
- Level 3 First Aid or Level 3 Challenge
- Fire Suppression/Fuel Management
- Others you need or would like to have _____

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