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Sinclar announces indefinite production curtailments across three lumber mills

Sinclar Group Forest Products Ltd. will implement a significant reduction in production across its three lumber operations—Apollo Forest Products (Fort St. James), Nechako Lumber Co. (Vanderhoof), and Lakeland Mills (Prince George)—effective Monday, October 27, 2025.

Each facility will reduce output by approximately 40%. The significance of this action should not be underestimated. These production curtailments are equivalent to the closure of one full mill.

This decision comes in response to a confluence of external pressures—from an unsustainable provincial policy landscape and persistent uncertainty around fibre supply to deepening economic challenges, all made worse by punitive duties and additional tariffs on Canadian lumber entering the United States.

“The decision to curtail operations deeply affects our employees, their families, and the communities we serve,” said Sinclar President Greg Stewart. “The challenges facing the forest industry in British Columbia are significant and compounding. We must take action to sustain our operations.”

Stewart stressed the urgency for collective action from the provincial government, federal government, First Nation titleholders, industry partners, and fellow forestry companies to address the systemic issues threatening the sector.

Sinclar Group Forest Products is a family-owned and operated group of companies in the Central Interior of British Columbia that produce stud lumber and wood pellets. Sinclar also runs bioenergy systems that sustainably convert residual wood into energy, powering our communities while reducing carbon emissions. Sinclar operations include Apollo Forest Products (Fort St. James), Lakeland Mills (Prince George), Nechako Lumber Co. (Vanderhoof), and Premium Pellet (Vanderhoof).

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