

Federal funds for new BC pellet mill

Mar. 17, 2010, Merritt, BC – The Canadian federal government has announced support to help Highland Pellet Manufacturing Ltd. establish a wood pellet mill on an industrial site in Merritt, British Columbia. The mill will have an initial capacity of 29,000 tonnes/year of pellets on a single-shift basis.

“We are pleased to be working with the government of Canada on such an important project,” says Rob McDonald of Highland Pellet Manufacturing. “Thanks to this funding, Merritt will have a state-of-the-art pellet mill producing pellets from wood waste generated at local sawmills and from surrounding beetle killed woodlands. New full-time jobs will be created as well as a great boost to the economy of the City of Merritt.”

Federal funding of \$2,452,000 is being provided as a repayable contribution through the Community Adjustment Fund as part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan. The fund will provide \$306 million over two years to support the most affected western Canadian communities, such as those that are heavily reliant on resource-based industries.

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