



B.C. Saw Filer's Association – “Trade Show In Print”

It's shaping up to be another challenging year for the forest industry, with the current downturn affecting all sectors, from the forest to the sawmills, says Bruce Doroshuk, the president of the B.C. Saw Filer's Association.

With volatile economic conditions, the industry has gone into survival mode and success at the sawmill--more than ever--is being measured in the amount of uptime that can be maintained, notes Doroshuk.

“The positive side to this is we are seeing more thinking outside of the box at the sawmill, with our saw filers finding innovative ways to get the most out of our equipment with the help of our electrical and maintenance departments. We are also seeing our suppliers becoming more competitive and service oriented, which is helping our industry survive.”

With the current difficult economy, the executive of the B.C. Saw Filer's Association has been evaluating the association's activities, including its annual conference.

“Considering the economic times, and keeping in mind the situation of our suppliers and members, the association has decided to postpone this year's conference to 2010,” explained Doroshuk. “This was a very tough, but necessary decision.”

“We really thank our members and suppliers for their ongoing support--and we intend to get through this difficult time with their help,” added Doroshuk.

While many sawmill operations are seeing reduced operations, saw filing remains an essential part of every sawmill operation, he notes, and it's important to continue to get information out to the industry.

In that spirit and as a service to the industry, Logging and Sawmilling Journal has put together this very special “B.C. Saw Filer's Tradeshow in Print” feature, highlighting the companies, products and services that are so essential to the industry.

Armstrong Manufacturing

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Armstrong Manufacturing's machinery and tools have been utilized in sawmills throughout North America.

Armstrong parts are engineered and manufactured to exacting specifications, taking into consideration the frequent overlapping tolerances associated with proper fit and function. This attention to proper engineering and machining detail provides the proper fit, which increases and improves the performance of Armstrong equipment.

BGR

Ph: 418 832-2918

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BGR Saws is a leading producer of circular and band saws and an exclusive distributor of high-performance brazing and grinding equipment, and high quality maintenance products.

Its experts have the desire to always offer custom-tailored solutions that make sawmills more efficient. Since they come from the industry, BGR Saws representatives act as actual technical advisors to sawmills.



California Saw

Ph: 888 756-5522 www.calsaw.com

Cal Saw researches, develops and delivers advanced technology for a range of cutting needs. The special heat treatment and fabrication processes the company has designed is key to more accurate cutting, longer lasting blades and knives and higher grade products

Camco

Ph: 800 667-0245

www.camcocuttingtools.com

Camco Cutting Tools supplies and manufactures a wide range of Carbide and APF Superalloy cutting tips for the sawmill industry.

Its carbide tips are premium quality tungsten carbide, pre tinned in-house using cadmium-free silver solder. The company stocks many sizes of APF Superalloy tips and rods in various shapes, including trapezoidal, triangle, diamond and round. They can also custom make various rods and tips to suit customer needs.

Carbide Tool Works

Ph: 604 888-1353 www.ctwsaws.com

Carbide Tool Works utilizes state-of-the art equipment including a fully robotic 4000 watt Trumpf laser cutter, Kahney & Hana automated soldering machines and computerized Vollmer and Widma saw grinders.

Carbide Tool Works has implemented a strict quality control program along with a commitment to only use the highest grade materials available ensuring customers receive the highest quality products.

Carbide Tool Works will always continue to be innovative, from the high performance of their "Insert Tooling Systems" for re-man and plywood manufacturing to their "ULTRA LEVEL" saw blades which provide absolute level plate and maximum performance with the minimum amount of maintenance of any round saw available.

Cut Technologies

Ph: 800 667-7297 www.cuttech.com

Cut Technologies is a leader in the manufacture of highly productive saws and distributor of top quality equipment for the wood and metal industry.

Cut Technologies' range of products and equipment (from the COUGAR XX highly productive saws to the Vollmer and MVM state-of-the art grinding and sharpening equipment and Kahny Brazing machines) keep operating costs and downtime in the filing room to a minimum.

The company is passionate about the saw business, displaying an enthusiasm for quality, innovation and customer service which is built into every saw.

FPInnovations Forintek

Ph: 604 224-3221 www.forintek.ca

FPInnovations Forintek is Canada's wood products research institute.



Their vision is to be the global leader in wood products research and technology transfer, and the knowledge centre of choice for the Canadian wood products sector. To meet this vision, the Mission of Forintek is to develop scientific and technical knowledge, applications and solutions that will enhance the ongoing competitiveness of its members and the Canadian wood products sector.

Iggesund Tools

Ph: 250 769-1288 www.iggesundtools.com

Iggesund Tools is a leading supplier of knife systems for sawmill and pulp mill chipping, as well as sawmill debarking. Its core business is the design and production of specialized tooling for the forest products industry. The company is recognized as a leader in each of the sectors it serves--debarking, lumber production, chipping technology and chip analysis.

The company's revolutionary TurnKnife System for chipping and lumber production, its innovative ScanChip Analyzer, its industry-leading debarking systems and ground-breaking partnership and service options have kept it on the cutting edge of the lumber and pulp and paper industries.

Imperial Oil

Ph: 800 268-3183 www.imperialoil.ca

With the high levels of quality and efficiency long associated with Esso and the expertise and innovation of Mobil, the company's customers have access to among the hardest-working, most extensive range of protection available. Each product comes with the peace of mind of the Ultimate Lubrication Warranty.

The company's sawguide oil is designed to lubricate and protect guides on modern gang saws and edgers while reducing lubricant consumption. All grades are said to provide outstanding control of friction and wear.

Jayrod Consulting & Sales Ltd.

Ph: 250 649-0631 www.jayrodcanada.ca

Competitive pricing, value and service best describes Jayrod. We are proudly Canadian and look forward to serving the forest industry from our Prince George warehouse for decades to come. We have a large inventory of Diamond/Borazon wheels, saw tips, coolants, cleaners, abrasives, cutters, IMW/Armstrong/Wright parts and plate. In addition, we carry planer knives, chipper knives, anvils and repair knife heads/clamps. Our team is only a phone call away to answer any questions you may have.

Key Knife Inc.

Ph: 250 567-2447 www.keyknife.com

Key Knife is a leader in chipping, flaking, and planing systems for the global wood products industry. Sawmills, pulp mills, OSB plants, and particleboard plants around the world are said to gain value with Key Knife's innovative technologies and service programs by achieving improved recovery, chip/flake quality, production, and product quality.

Key Knife helps businesses maximize efficiencies and profitability. Its goal is to provide customers with the best possible products and services to ensure they receive maximum economic benefit.



L & S Industries Ltd.

Ph: 800 663-8413 www.lsind.bc.ca

L & S Industries offers quality and value in sawmill and planer supplies. The company's debarker bands are said to be easy to install and replace, with a life span of up to three times the original equipment bands. The bands last much longer because of the multi-strand fabric covered design. This design prevents damage in handling and also prevents sudden catastrophic failure so the bands almost never break in use. Using brass bushings to mount the bands means longer life by helping to conduct away heat, the main cause of failure.

Modern Engineering

Ph: 604 946-4110 www.moderneng.com

Modern Engineering has machined parts for virtually every type of industry using metal or plastics. The tolerances of parts are critical, and Modern Engineering's quality control enables it to consistently meet customer specifications, and it meets the specification of ISO 9002 Quality Standards.

Optimil

Ph: 604 946-6911 www.optimil.com

Optimil is well known for being a leader in primary and secondary log processing machinery, as well as providing log and board optimization systems for the progressive sawmill.

The company's production facility has on-site machinery including a Laser Table, Burn Table, Horizontal Boring mills, CNC Milling and Turning Centres, ensuring strict quality controls throughout the production process. The machinery produced is designed utilizing the latest in CAD technology and is manufactured under a strict quality assurance program, utilizing CNC machine centres to assure maximum accuracy.

Pacific/Hoe

Ph: 604 530-8466 www.pacific-hoe.com

Pacific/Hoe Saw and Knife Company manufactures a full line of cutting tools at the company's Portland, Oregon facilities. All types of bandsaws, including alloy tipped, are CNC-toothed and CNC-ground. Circular saws, including gang saws, edger saws, trim saws, hollow ground saws, solid tooth saws, CT saws and ITCO saws are all treated using Pacific/Hoe's proprietary flattening process.

Chipper, counter, specialty as well as the J and O line of planer, eased edge and mill to pattern knives are all manufactured using the highest quality steels.

Pacific/Hoe also supplies a full line of filing room tools, tips and teeth. Jacobsen Manufacturing and Pacific Micro Coat are subsidiaries, and are on site in Portland.

Peerless Saw Company

Ph: 1 800 973-3753 www.peerlessaw.com

Peerless Saw is an industry leader in the production of industrial grade circular saw bodies for carbide tipping. The Peerless factory is equipped with precision machinery such as lasers, surface grinders and heat treatment furnaces. It serves the saw blade manufacturing industry with all parts required to make industrial quality carbide tipped saw blades, and tool makers, machine manufacturers and fabricators with special made parts and services, through its Peerless Laser Processing division.



Petro Canada

Ph: 866 335-3369 www.petro-canada.ca

Petro-Canada's PETROGLIDE oils are premium quality saw guide oils specially designed and tested for modern multi-blade, gang saws and edgers. PETROGLIDE is formulated to provide optimum tackiness and reduced friction for increased recovery rates and sawmill productivity.

PETROGLIDE 100 and 150 saw guide oils also fall under Petro-Canada's new EcoSia environmental brand, which allows its use in more environmentally sensitive areas.

Other features and benefits include: less wash off and better lubricity; reduced oil consumption, pitch build-up, energy costs, heat build-up and saw deviation; and proven to increase productivity, save money and contribute to greater sawmill profitability.