

Please be advised that there has been a fatal accident at Abitibi Consolidated's Site 2 Sawmill in Mackenzie British Columbia. The fatality occurred today, November 22, 2006 just prior to their day shift startup.

Preliminary information regarding this fatality indicated that an employee with 33 years experience in the mill has been crushed in a pinch point on a Canter/Quad. The employee was changing the knives in the Canter prior to the day shift startup. While this employee was in the process of changing the knives, it is believed that another employee put the canter line into "cycle mode" not knowing the other employee was still working inside the Canter/Quad.

An investigation into this tragedy is continuing.

As more information becomes available, further updates will be provided.