

SAFE Companies UPDATE



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ANOTHER 42 COMPANIES CONTRIBUTE TO A SAFER FOREST INDUSTRY

Between Oct. 13–24, 42 more companies earned their SAFE certification. We salute these companies — and all of the other SAFE certified companies — that are looking out for their workers and contributing to a safer culture in the BC forest industry:

A. D. Fisher Contracting Ltd., Williams Lake • Altamira Consulting Ltd., Edmonton • Apollo Forest Products Ltd. dba Apollo Forest Products, Fort St. James • C & E Roadbuilders Ltd., Port McNeill • Canadian Helicropper Ltd., Abbotsford • CIPA Lumber Co. Ltd. – Sayward Timber Division, Campbell River • Coast Mountain Industries Ltd., Campbell River • Dorman Contracting Ltd., Nanaimo • Doug Bateman Logging Ltd., Westbank • Dunsmuir Forest Contracting Ltd., Ladysmith • East Main Enterprises Limited, Prince George • Fleming Creek Contracting Ltd., Burns Lake • G&C Products Ltd., Fort Nelson • Geoforestry Consulting, Nanaimo • High Mark Trucking Ltd., Castlegar • Houston Transfer Ltd., Houston • Jaeden Resources Ltd., Merritt • Jeratec Forestry Contracting, 150 Mile House • K + D Contracting Ltd., Campbell River • K&L Trucking Ltd., Prince George • Kara-Mar Trucking Ltd., Creston • KML Forestry, Nanaimo • L. R. Hughes Contracting Ltd., Courtenay • Leading Edge Contracting Ltd., Fruitvale • Lemare Lake Logging Ltd., Port McNeill • Madrone Environmental Services Ltd., Duncan • Maka Contracting Ltd., Merritt • Maple Leaf Forestry Ltd., Cranbrook • Munden Transportation Inc., Kamloops • Nordic Spirit Woodworks, Rossland • O. Halvorson Contracting Ltd., Houston • Oddy Construction Ltd., Golden • Overlander Resources Ltd., Powell River • Paul McIntosh, Campbell River • Port Neville Logging Ltd., Campbell River • Quest Yarding Ltd., Castlegar • Safety Net Security Ltd., Campbell River • Stevens Forestry, Duncan • T. Grimm Trucking Ltd., Clearwater • TST Contracting Ltd., Qualicum Beach • Wayne Lewchuk Trucking, Cobble Hill • Wildfire Safety Services Ltd., Ladysmith

YOU'VE GOT MAIL! (AND IT'S IMPORTANT!)

If you own or operate a company that was SAFE certified in 2006 or 2007, please check your mailbox!



We've sent you a letter that contains vital information you need to know to maintain your certification. It's a reminder of the details for your 2008 maintenance audit requirements to keep your certification current and receive your annually COR rebate of 10%.

All companies that were SAFE certified in 2006 or 2007 have a 2008 maintenance audit due by the end of December this year — and that adds up to hundreds of companies.

So **please** don't leave it to the last minute! We will have hundreds of audits to review, so the sooner you get yours in, the sooner we can process it and get on to your neighbours'. Questions or concerns? Please contact Andrew Chan at 1.877.741.1060.

YEAR-END DEADLINE FOR BIDDING ON BC TIMBER SALES' WORK

If you or your company is planning on bidding on a BC Timber Sales contract for road building and reforestation, or will be conducting on-the-ground work on Timber Sale Licences after December 31, 2008, your company must be SAFE certified.

"This means companies that have made forest worker safety a priority and pursued SAFE certified will now better realize the competitive advantage in accessing work," says Tanner Elton, the Council's CEO.

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1058 SAFE certified companies = Safety Leaders

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Like more than 1,000 companies across the province, BCTS is now SAFE certified. As well, starting Jan. 1, 2009, all contractors working for BCTS will also have to be SAFE certified.

These changes are big boosts for safety in BC's forest industry: BCTS, formed by the provincial government in 2003 to develop and auction Crown timber to establish the market price, is the single largest forestry operator in the province, managing about 1/5 of BC's AAC and operating in every corner and geographical region of the province through 13 offices.

Previously, BCTS contractors were required to be registered for SAFE certification as of April 1, 2007. Now the new requirement means that any contractors doing road building, reforestation, or any on-the-ground work on Timber Sale Licences must already have their full SAFE certification.

For more info about BC Timber Sales and how to register as a contractor, go to <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/>



IN TRAINING

The following training courses still have spaces available. For more details on all training courses, go to <http://www.bcforestsafeco.org/content-program-safeco/program-safeco-12-calendar.htm>

IOO SAFETY course: Oct. 25, Smithers • Oct. 27, Prince George • Nov. 5, Fort St. John • Dec. 6, Kamloops • Dec. 13, Campbell River • Dec. 13, Kelowna • Dec. 13, Smithers • Dec. 20, Williams Lake • Dec. 20, Prince George

External Auditor Training course: Dec. 1, Prince George

Small Employer OHS course: Oct. 27, Campbell River • Nov. 3, Fort St. John • Nov. 6, Quesnel • Nov. 27, Prince George • Dec. 1, Duncan • Dec. 1, Kamloops

KEN HALL: NEW SAFE COMPANIES' MANAGER KEEN ON SAFETY



With more than 30 years of experience in government, private industry and as a consultant in forestry auditing and project management, Ken Hall is definitely bringing lots of depth and a broad view to his new position as manager of the SAFE Companies program.

"Ken has been working as an

external auditor with us so he knows the program and many of our customers," says Krista Bax, director, SAFE Companies program. "He comes to the position with great experience and is keen to make a difference in forest safety and influence change, plus he's a really nice guy. That's a winning combination!"

Previously, Ken worked for Forest Renewal British Columbia for government and industry, Western Forest Products, and the Ministry of Forests. Most recently, he was working for Quality Management Institute (QMI) providing third-party registration, surveillance and re-registration auditing services to clients in forestry and mining. In that role, he was also responsible for providing SAFE Company certification auditing to selected clients. Ken also brings extensive wood product manufacturing experience to the council.

Ken will be based in Nanaimo. In this role, he will contribute to all aspects of development and delivery of the SAFE Companies program. Ken can be reached at hall@bcforestsafeco.org, 1.877.741.1060 / 1.250.741.1060 (office).



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