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Abstract

The BC Coast forest industry faces challenging times. In addition to poor demand and prices for their products, solid wood manufacturers have a reduced ability to compete in traditional markets with other global producers as a result of high log costs, high sawmill costs and outdated equipment. This report identifies the issues that lead to high log costs on the coast and presents opportunities for improvement. Besides these operational issues within the project's mandate to address, a second class of issues were identified that were outside the project's mandate, both in the short and the long term.

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