

OUR HISTORY

Nearly a Century of Papermaking

Catalyst Paper has a rich and storied past as a pulp and paper company and is the result of the merger of three British Columbia companies: MacMillan Bloedel, British Columbia Forest Products and Crown Zellerbach Canada. Catalyst's BC operations are household names on the West Coast in Crofton, Port Alberni and Powell River, as the roots of our company extend back to the turn of the last century. Our four paper and pulp manufacturing divisions have diverse backgrounds but today the hundreds of men and women who work at these divisions are bound by a common goal to make Catalyst the market-leading printing papers company regarded by our customers, investors, employees and community neighbours for our performance, action and deeds.

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- 1912 The Powell River Company begins operations as the first newsprint mill in western Canada, producing newsprint for publishers in Vancouver and Seattle.
- 1946 Crown Zellerbach purchases Pacific Mills at Ocean Falls, Canadian Western Cedar and Comox Logging to form Crown Zellerbach Canada. British Columbia Forest Products (BCFP) is formed as a logging and sawmilling company. A year later, Bloedel, Stewart and Welch start up the Port Alberni operations with a single line kraft mill. Paper machines follow.
- 1951 MacMillan Company merges with Bloedel, Stewart and Welch to form MacMillan Bloedel Limited. Crown Zellerbach Canada begins operations at Elk Falls with a single line newsprint mill the following year.
- 1957 BCFP begins operations at Crofton with a single line kraft pulp mill. Paper machines follow.
- 1960 The Powell River Paper Company merges with MacMillan Bloedel.
- 1981 Fletcher Challenge of New Zealand purchases Crown Zellerbach Canada and renames it Crown Forest Industries.
- 1987 Crown Forest Industries purchases BCFP. A year later they merge to form Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited. The merged company focuses on pulp and paper as its core businesses and sells off its non-core assets.
- 1998 Pacifica Papers is formed from the paper assets previously held by MacMillan Bloedel.
- 2000 Norske Skog, a Norwegian paper company, purchases all of Fletcher Challenge's pulp and paper assets, including its majority interest in Fletcher Challenge Canada. That fall, the company changes its name to Norske Skog Canada Limited.
- 2001 In August, Norske Skog Canada acquires Pacifica Papers assuming the new identity of NorskeCanada. The acquisition of Pacifica Papers, effectively doubles the size of the company and reduces Norske Skog's ownership to 30%.
- 2003 In December, NorskeCanada acquires Newstech Recycling to in-source the supply of de-inked pulp for its paper mills. The facility was closed in 2010 due to reduced paper demand and constrained availability of affordable, high-quality recovered paper for recycling.
- 2005 In October, our shareholders change the company's name to Catalyst Paper Corporation. The new name allows the company to do business under our unique identity, one that clearly differentiates us with customers and that accurately reflects our capital structure.
- 2006 In February, Norske Skog sells off all of its remaining Catalyst shares, ending its long-time association with the company. Third Avenue Management acquires approximately 38% of the company's shares.
- 2008 Catalyst expands beyond the province of BC with the acquisition of the Snowflake mill, a 100% recycled paper production facility in northern Arizona.

Today, we continue to add new pages to our history with our four paper and pulp manufacturing divisions, including one with an exclusive recycling focus. Strategically located within close proximity in the south coastal area of BC and in northern Arizona, these operations have an annual production capacity of 1.9 million tonnes of a diverse range of products, including mechanical specialty papers, newsprint, lightweight coated paper and pulp.