

#### **MILL LOCATION**

Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada

## PRODUCT PROFILE NBSK Pulp: 520,000 ADMT/yr

#### PROCESS DESCRIPTION

Mercer Celgar produces high-quality, bleached and unbleached softwood kraft pulp from many different softwood species in the region. A two-stage oxygen delignification system proceeds the 4 stage ECF (Elemental Chlorine Free) bleach plant.

**ECF BLEACHING SEQUENCE** D0 Ep D1 D2

#### **SOFTWOOD SPECIES**

- Cedar Thuja plicata
- **Douglas fir** Pseudotsuga menziesii
- Engleman spruce Picea engelmannii
- **Grand fir** Abies grandis
- Lodgepole pine Pinus contorta
- Ponderosa pine Pinus ponderosa
- Subalpine fir Abies lasiocarpa
- Western hemlock Tsuga heterophylla
- Western larch Larix occidentalis
- White pine Pinus monticola



#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

FiberCertification No.Expiration DatePEFC Chain of CustodyKPMG-PEFC-COC-2438.01September 27, 2027FSC® Chain of CustodyKF-COC-001020October 16, 2027

#### **Quality and Environmental**

ISO 9001:2015 0115001 February 24, 2024 ISO 14001:2015 0113315 January 22, 2024

Food Grade Standard

ISEGA BfR XXXXV1 and BfR XXXV1/1 December 5, 2024 US-FDA 21 CFR 176.170 and 176.180 December 5, 2024

#### **RESPONSIBLE FIBER SOURCING**

Mercer Celgar Limited Partnership processes 2.3 million cubic meters of wood to produce softwood pulp. As Mercer is committed to sustainable forest management and wood sourcing, the fiber used at Mercer Celgar comes from forest operations that meet the requirements of PEFC and FSC® Chain of Custody standards.

Mercer's sustainability approach not only includes sourcing fiber from well-managed forests, but also encompasses those in the supply chain who work in the forest and forest products industry. Mercer has adopted a comprehensive Due Diligence System to ensure that wood is sourced in compliance with our global Wood and Fiber Procurement Policy.

Our guiding principles are to:

- harvest and purchase wood in compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- work to maintain long-term supplier relationships;
- include, respect and foster relationships with small landowners, as well as Indigenous Communities;
- live and promote the highest standards of work safety;
- and strive for the lowest possible carbon footprint.

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#### **2022 ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS**

Fossil Fuel Greenhouse Gas Emissions

281 kg CO2-e/ADMT - Scope 1 GHG Emissions

#### Renewable Electricity

100% of the electricity required for our pulp mill operation is biomass energy generated from the mill's biofuel.

#### **Energy Efficiency**

39.64 GJ/ADMT of which 81% is from renewable biomass energy.

#### **Water Emissions**

BOD <sup>5</sup> (kg/ADMT)	0.25
AOX (kg/ADMT)	0.10
Nitrogen (kg/ADMT)	0.15
Phosphorous (kg/ADMT)	0.08
Water Usage (m³/ADMT)	117
Total Suspended Solids (kg/ADMT)	1.50

#### Air Emissions

TRS (kg/ADMT)	0.01
SO2 (kg/ADMT)	0.19
Particulate Matter (kg/ADMT)	0.43
NOX (kg/ADMT)	1.27

## Waste Management

Solid waste land filled (kg/ADMT) 20.9

## Compliance with International Standards

Mercer Celgar pulp is fully compliant with the requirements of the US Lacey Act, EU Timber Regulations, the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Act and REACH.



### **Leading Safety Culture**

The protection of human health and personal safety ranks at the highest level of importance to Mercer's operations.

Mercer Celgar operates in a diligent and responsible manner to ensure ZERO HARM to their people through the Road to Zero safety program. Mercer Celgar is dedicated to continuously improving their processes, being individually accountable and promoting comprehensive safety awareness.

## Mill Safety Performance (TRIR):

(Incidents /200,000 hrs)

2020: 1.69 | 2021: 1.85 | 2022: 2.41

## Science Based Target initiative

Mercer International has responded to SBTi's urgent call for corporate climate action by committing to align with 1.5°C and net-zero through the Business Ambition for 1.5°C campaign.













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## Mercer's Fibre Centre - Quality Assurance

Refining is the key process required in paper making to alter fiber characteristics. To support Mercer customers, mill projects, and applied research, Mercer operates a state-of-the-art laboratory refiner simulating the industrial refining process.

## Sustainable Forest Management

Mercer Celgar's goal is to responsibly use fiber received from the forests of the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, as well as the Pacific Northwest of the United States. The mill ensures that the values currently contained within the forests remain there for future generations.

## Mitigating Climate Change

Mercer is committed to reducing our GHG intensity through continuous investment in technologies for improving energy efficiency, increasing the usage of renewable fuels and through full fiber utilization. Mercer Celgar has made significant capital investments in renewable electricity generation.

In 2022, the mill generated 403 GWh of biomass energy which is enough to power 40,000 homes in the West Kootenay region.

## Food Grade Certifications

Mercer Celgar's softwood pulp is manufactured and rigorously tested by independent labs to ensure the pulp meets Food Grade Standards, including US-FDA and European Standards (ISEGA) EC No.1935/2004.

