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## Britco Marks 30<sup>th</sup> Year with Penticton Plant Expansion

PENTICTON: Britco Structures celebrated its 30th anniversary in the middle of a major expansion of its Penticton manufacturing plant. The Company is spending over one million dollars to nearly double the size of its production facility.

Earlier this year, Britco announced that it has purchased the manufacturing facility on Government Street where it has been leasing space since 2005. At that time, the Company occupied 38,000 square feet in the 90,000 square foot facility. Once the expansion is complete next month, Britco will be utilizing 70,000 square feet of manufacturing space.

Britco co-founder Rick McClymont says that this all means jobs and long-term career opportunities for people in Penticton. "When we purchased the plant in January, we made a commitment to Penticton and to growing our business here and that is exactly what we are doing." The Company currently has 70 employees and plans have over 100 by the end of the year.

Penticton Plant Manager Neil Bowering is very excited about what the expansion means for Britco. "The expansion of our operations here allows us to build on our position as one of Canada's largest manufacturers of workforce housing and industrial camp complexes and to take advantage of the robust economies in B.C. and Alberta."

Britco's other co-founder David Taft noted that the expansion is not only going to make the plant larger but also more productive. Taft stated that a key part of this expansion involves introducing greater efficiencies and innovation in the manufacturing process. Said Taft, "We are not simply striving for greater output, we are equally focused on ensuring that we will continue to meet the high standards of quality our customers expect from a Britco product."

In 1987, McClymont and Taft started Britco in a 10,000 square foot factory with a handful of employees. Thirty years later, the Company has grown to become a top-ten B.C.-based construction-related firm with close to 300 employees who design and manufacture commercial and residential buildings, including workforce housing, offices, classrooms, daycares and a wide range of custom-design buildings for business and industry. The Company also designed and manufactured this year's PNE Prize Home and has done so since 2002.

One of the Company's notable highlights was its selection as British Columbia's top exporter in the manufactured products category ([www.bcexportawards.com](http://www.bcexportawards.com)) at the BC Export Awards in November, 2006. The award recognizes companies that have made an outstanding contribution to the BC economy through the export of products or services. Britco won the award by landing a major international contract, a workforce housing complex for a 600-person gold mining project in Russia.

Britco has also been selected as a finalist in the Manufacturing category for the 2007 Ernst & Young *Entrepreneur of the Year Awards* in the Pacific Region. The final decision will be announced in October. [www.ey.com/global/content.nsf/Canada/Entrepreneur of the Year-Overview](http://www.ey.com/global/content.nsf/Canada/Entrepreneur_of_the_Year-Overview)

In addition to the Penticton facility, Britco also operates a 92,000 sft plant in Agassiz and has the largest lease fleet of temporary office buildings, construction site trailers and storage containers in B.C. The company is headquartered in Langley with two B.C. branch offices located in Nanaimo and Kelowna as well as a sales office in Edmonton, Alberta.

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