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Freres Lumber's Veneer Plant Reconstructed, Back Online

*Tragic fire put Plant 4 out of commission June 26;
rebuild completed, crews back to work by November.*

LYONS, ORE. 21 NOV. 2017—Workers displaced by the disastrous fire at Freres Lumber Co.'s Plant 4 on June 26, are now back at work in their usual capacities in the veneer production facility in Lyons, Ore. Freres crews and contractors worked at lighting speed and, in a remarkable four months' time, brought the plant back online, producing its dry veneer used internally and sold all over the Pacific Northwest.

"After four months and a lot of hard work, we're up and running again," says Kyle Freres, Freres Lumber Vice President of Operations. "It has not been without trial and tribulation, however. We had hoped to be online last month, but a large-scale electrical failure held us up. On November second, the electrical problem was resolved and we are now, thankfully, operating again."

Work at the facility is nearly complete. [BMI Contractors](#) are wrapping up building repairs; and Freres electricians, along with [Northside Electric's crews](#), are putting the finishing touches on the building's electrical system.

"Manpower is an issue at this point; some employees left after the fire. With the replacement of lighting lost in the fire, and the new interior paint, the work environment in the building is much improved," notes Freres. Those interested in applying for jobs should contact Freres Lumber HR Manager Tim McCollister at 503.859.4228.

"Looking at pictures of the fires blazing in the building, and the charred inventory, and realizing how recent the fire was illustrates the extraordinary accomplishment of everyone who worked on the project," says Freres. Operations are nearly back to normal, which is a relief to the company, its employees and customers. "We want to say 'thank you' to those who made this rebuild possible."

For more information on Freres Lumber Co., visit www.frereslumber.com or call 503-859-2121.

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About Freres Lumber Company

Freres Lumber was established in 1922 by T.G Freres on the North Fork of Oregon's Santiam River. Over the last ninety years, and three generations of family management, the company has evolved from a small sawmill to one of Oregon's premier wood products manufacturing companies. The company now operates six plants, including a small log veneer plant, large log veneer plant, veneer drying facility, studmill, plywood plant and cogeneration facility. Freres is committed to maintaining modern manufacturing facilities, producing high-quality wood products, and providing family wage jobs to the local area. For more information, visit www.frereslumber.com or call 503-859-2121.