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MACLAREN FOREST PRODUCTS - BABINE MINING DIVISION - BELL MINE

The present operation of the mine is planned at a milling rate of 17,000 t/day for 38 months. Reserves of ore will be depleted at this time and final abandonment of the property will begin. Although it is anticipated if there is a marked improvement of metal prices within the next year, a new mine plan could be implemented to extend the life of the mine for an additional 24 months.

The work force at Bell Mine is 230 people, most of them former employees who either stayed in Granisle after the 1982 closure, or who have returned now that the mine has become operational.