



Another Turbowood Success Story

In March 2010 Turbowood got a call from one of our customers asking us to come help figure out how to improve planer production at one of their mills in Ontario, Canada. The planer needed to run 200,000 bf or more per shift to keep up with sawmill production. For many years the planer struggled to average 170,000 per shift and had worked extra hours to keep inventory in check. In some cases the sawmill was curtailed because the planer couldn't keep up with production.

Turbo was on-site for a week in March working with mill personnel on this pressing issue. In addition, while on site Turbo provided the entire management team with training on **The Six Steps to Empowering Your Workforce** at the request of the plant manager. The training consisted of a group session with individualized follow-ups with each attendee.

During the week Turbo was on-site the planer produced over 200,000 bf for an entire shift two times. In the two months immediately after the Turbo visit the planer averaged over 190,000 bf per shift. In the third month the crew was notified that the entire plant would be curtailed most of the month of June and all of July. The actual time down extended into August.

In November, after the plant had returned to regular production Turbo received the following message from the dry end superintendent,

“Mike, how are things? Just to let you know we are now averaging 210,000 Fbm per shift every month on production at the planer. We had to shut down in October for 2 weeks because we were running out of wood at the planer. Never seen in the history of this mill. Take care.”

Our goal at Turbowood is to help teams make changes that **LAST** and become the foundation for even better things in the future. This is a great example of the impact we can have at a facility or within a company. Give us a call and let us do the same for you.

