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Pre-fab Facilities in the Northwest Territories

On Monday, January 31st during the 61st Session I stated that I would be bringing a proposal before this Legislature with respect to pre-fab facilities in the Northwest Territories.

Since that time, Webber Homes of Saskatchewan have negotiated the purchase of a piece of land and a building in Hay River as the nucleus of a manufacturing plant and are currently preparing to go into production.

Their intention is to manufacture beams, pads, truss rafters and wedges initially then enlarge the plant by 25,000 square feet to expand their production line.

They will be purchasing in excess of one million feet board measure of lumber from N.W.T. lumber mills this summer.

They are currently employing 10 people 50% of whom are native, and anticipate increasing this to 25 people within the next 2 or 3 weeks. Eventually they expect to have a staff of 70 to 80 and that in excess of 90% of these will be locals.

In view of this development it is not the intention of my Department to put forth any further proposal at this time.