

**BOIS**

**KMS**

**(GMI) LTÉE**

**Quality Is Our Commitment**




## Introduction

**B**ois KMS (GMI) Ltée produces a wide variety of pressure treated wood products which include bridge timbers, guardrail posts, poles and pilings. However, Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée's primary activity is the production of pressure treated wood poles for electrical distribution and telephone companies.


Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée had its beginnings in 1987 when the wood preserving plant in L'Annonciation, Quebec began supplying utility poles to the local market. Today, the company is also active on the national and international scene.

## Extensive Resources



**B**ois KMS (GMI) Ltée's high quality standards begin with the selection of only the finest wood fibre for pole stock. Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée has access to extensive resources from managed timberlands through a wood supply agreement and a mill licence to process these logs as poles.


Red Pine and Jack Pine poles up to 70 feet in length are selectively harvested from managed timberlands in Quebec. Red Pine represents over 50 per cent of Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée's production of wood poles. Through its affiliate, Northern Pressure Treated Wood Ltd., the company has access to similar resources in the province of Ontario.



Western Red Cedar poles are purchased from long standing suppliers in Western Canada and are inspected and pressure treated at our facilities under stringent quality procedures. All Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée poles are verified for quality conformance to the latest Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) specifications regarding knots, straightness and other properties.

## Effective Wood Preservative

**B**ois KMS wood poles are pressure treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA-C), a water-based solution of high-purity oxides. Climability additives are also available to facilitate gaff penetration. In the fixation process after treatment, the CCA preservative becomes bonded with the wood, where it remains for decades to protect the pole against fungal decay and termite attack.



CCA has a history of over 60 years of effective use. Properly processed CCA treated wood poles are clean-surfaced, highly leach-resistant, low in electrical conductivity, low in combustibility, low in maintenance and dependable in service. In addition, CCA treated wood poles resist oxidation, acids, salt water and other corrosive agents, have good shock resistance and combine with almost any other material for both functionality and aesthetics.

## Quality Processing

Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée's quality control system for the production of pressure treated wood poles is certified to the ISO 9001 standard. The ISO 9001 registration is applicable to Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée's storage, debarking, kiln drying, CCA pressure treating, and packaging of poles and timbers. Every pole is individually inspected for defects several times by qualified inspectors throughout the production process before it merits a Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée brand.

State-of-the-art equipment is used in each step of the processing, from pole peeling, to automated kiln drying, pressure treating and accelerated fixation. Inspection procedures after the pressure treating process are performed by qualified quality control personnel according to CAN/CSA O80 and/or AWP standards. An on-site laboratory is used to perform various quality control tests such as preservative concentration, retention, penetration and fixation.

## Environmental Stewardship

Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée recognizes the importance of responsible forestry management and is actively involved in protecting this renewable resource, both in harvesting practices and reforestation work. By using these resources on a sustainable basis, Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée is ensured of a continuous supply of quality wood fibre.



## Customer Commitment

**B**ois KMS (GMI) Ltée is committed to supplying the finest quality pressure treated wood poles. We continuously strive to meet all our customers' expectations.

Bois KMS (GMI) Ltée's modern facilities and high-volume production capabilities ensure on-time deliveries of all orders received from our customers. Self-unloading trucks are used to deliver poles to distribution yards or job sites when required. Rail shipments are also available.



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