

BMI Contractors, Inc.

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When you think of a sawmill or a manufacturing company, we all realize that there is a lot of hustle, bustle and work involved in creating the products that are made there. But who installs the machines so the employees can do their jobs? Who sets up the new equipment? Who makes everything run smoothly? That is the story of BMI Contractors, Inc.

BMI Contractors, Inc. was established in 1983 to meet the growing demand for high quality, merit shop mechanical installation. Since then BMI has completed thousands of projects in the wood products industry. Although they have enjoyed considerable growth over time they have not abandoned their original operational concept. BMI utilizes quality workmanship and innovative thinking to ensure timely completion of all projects. This includes rolling completed veneer dryers into place from



From concrete foundations to the last bolt on new fabrication, each project is overseen and completed by the BMI crew.



BMI Contractors, Inc. has the equipment and expertise to meet the needs of client companies.

The first project undertaken by BMI in 1983 was a sawmill. Today, BMI has completed hundreds of sawmill projects from renovations and individual machine centers to brand new, complete, state-of-the-art operations. The goal of BMI during any project is to get the job done, the right way, the first time, and then get out of the way.

BMI has built plywood plants, but the majority of its plywood business is in the installation and repair/refurbishment of individual areas of the plant. The company's crews have experience in all areas of plywood machinery from the block

across the mill floor to employing unique lifting apparatus to hoist equipment buried deep inside the mill building.

BMI's success is simple, they hire and train the best people to supervise their projects and furnish them with highly skilled crews. When BMI takes on a project, their supervisory and administrative staff are involved from top to bottom and they refuse to take short cuts where quality and safety are concerned. The result is a tightly run, on time, high quality job at a reasonable cost.



BMI's workmen are masters at replacing, relocating or rebuilding sawmill machines.

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handling through packaging and shipping. Lately the most common project is installing new or rebuilding existing veneer dryers. BMI has installed and/or rebuilt nearly 300 veneer dryers and that experience far exceeds that of anyone else in the business.

Long and tall seems to describe a laminated veneer lumber (LVL) operation, because of the size and length of the billets, these plants tend to cover a lot more real estate than other types of operations and require special knowledge that comes from having been there before. I-joint manufacturing is another component of the LVL operation and one that BMI is very familiar with.



BMI employees are tradesman and experts in all they do.



BMI has installed or rebuilt nearly every brand of veneer dryer known, that experience exceeds that of anyone else in the business.

manufacturing facilities share common elements. Raw materials are processed at machine centers and conveyed back and forth between machine centers until they arrive at the packaging and shipping end of the business. To date BMI has been involved in general industry projects ranging from structural steel to food processing plants, hydroelectric plants, warehousing, power houses, boilers, gypsum plants, paper mills and rubber processing plants.

When BMI was founded in 1983 they started with a crew of 10 employees. Today, owners David Brown and his wife Terrika employ an average of 50 highly skilled workmen and operate in 16 states (and growing).

The particleboard industry is also unique because the machinery is bigger, heavier and requires more precision than many other areas of wood products manufacturing. BMI crews have installed forming lines, built or rebuilt presses and replaced/installed drying and material handling equipment.

BMI also erects pre-engineered steel buildings of all sizes and designs. Currently they have erected buildings from 4,000 square feet to 250,000 square feet and from 20 feet tall to over 80 feet tall. BMI's prices are competitive, but they do not cut corners on the quality of the people doing the work, BMI still employs the same top level craftsmen and supervisors. This means they avoid costly mistakes and unnecessary modifications to the new structure.

Although the history of BMI leans towards the wood products industry, it also provides its services to general industry. Most



The goal when setting up new machines is to get the job done the right way the first time.

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