

BALL PACKAGING – PAPER EDIT

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At this facility we make a standard aluminum can, the 355 ml single-serving aluminum container.

Our products are in every variety store and beer store. We make beer and beverage cans for Pepsi, Coke, Sleemans.

At our facility we run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we make about two and a half million cans a year. Our lines run approximately 2,000 cans a minute.

We make cans for Sleemans in London, Ontario, all the way to Pepsi in Newfoundland, and the Coke fillers in between, so we make pretty much every 12-ounce Coke or Pepsi or Sleemans can that you would drink out of between here and Newfoundland.

When you're doing Just in Time delivery, the transportation routes to your customers are very important. The Highway 401 is an excellent route. Like I said, we go to London and we go to Newfoundland, and the highway is a direct route to our customers in both directions. It's just down the street with easy access, so it works very well for our location.

We've added a complete new line to our system. As well as doing that, we modified the lines that we had, so we've totally rearranged the whole plant. We started in January and got our line up and running in the middle of June. We're just fine-tuning that and getting it rolling. We added a whole line's worth of equipment, we expanded the building, we upgraded the systems that we have in place, so we changed it a lot.

With all the industry in the area, there's lots of suppliers and contractors available for us to draw on their expertise. With the new line expansion we put in this year, we were able to use contract vendors to help with the installation of the equipment we had in our facility. . We also used local vendors to help expand the building, and on a day-to-day basis we have local companies that can supply us with the maintenance and repair parts we need to keep our lines functioning, so the area has lots of choices, and good representation for those things.

This year we hired 40 new employees. We used lots of different tools to recruit those people. One of them was Durham College. We posted on their website, we did some job fairs with them. With all the industry in the area there's a good draw of skilled labour for us. Some of the new people who we hired

came from Durham College and graduated from some of their technical courses, and they're using those skills to help develop themselves here as well.

We have employees from all around the surrounding area – Peterborough, Cobourg, Port Hope, Oshawa, Whitby area. With the highway system we have, coming down the 115 or the 401, you have good access to the plant.

