

CASE STUDY

Annual outage planning reduces downtime year after year at Western Canada pulp mill

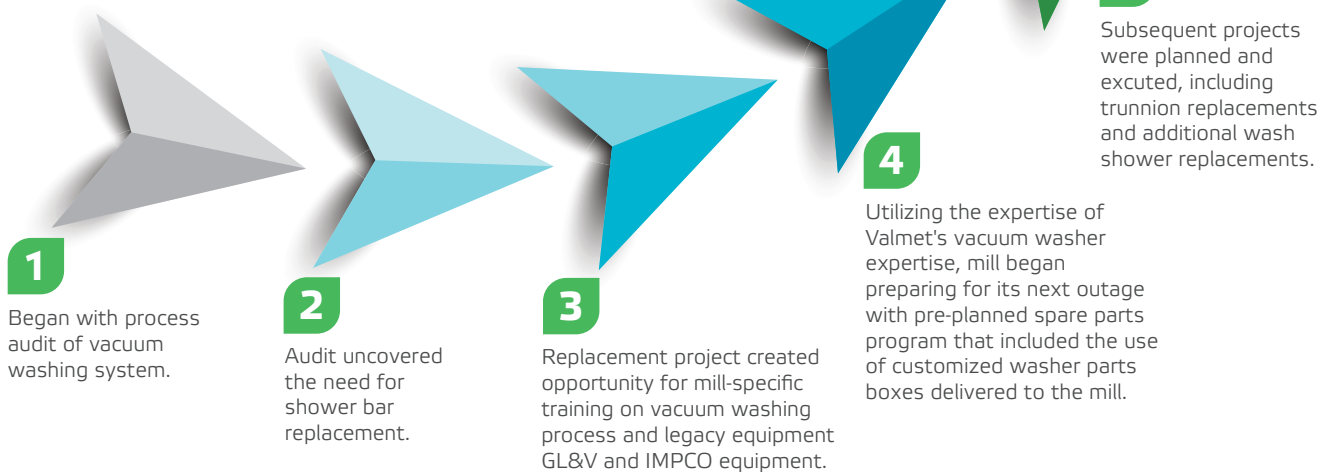
Challenge

- Planning is critical to the success of an annual outage.
- Time and on-site resources required for proper planning are often limited.
- To minimize downtime and achieve the goals of the shutdown, mill personnel needed outage planning support that demonstrated:
 - Full understanding of mill-specific equipment needs
 - Expert process knowledge of pulp washing and Fiberline operations
 - Available resources to execute maintenance and troubleshooting



Solution

The mill worked with Valmet to develop a customized approach to annual outages at their site that combined OEM vacuum washer expertise, spare parts inventory planning, shutdown planning, project planning & execution, on-site field service and outage support.



Results

- Removed bottleneck from the fibreline
- Continue to keep downtime in the mill at a minimum
- Peace of mind for mill personnel that they prepared for their upcoming outages
- Reinforced trust in and understanding of OEM partner

"We continue the relationship each and every shutdown. Year after year we are working together to evaluate what is needed for the year to come."

- Al Parsons, Mill Sales Manager, Valmet

