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**Kal Tire opens expansive distribution and remanufacturing facility**  
*Enhanced and expanded inventory plus consolidated services give Ontario customers faster access to top-quality tire products and services*

AMARANTH, ON—Twenty years after opening its first Ontario store, Kal Tire announces the opening of a new, state-of-the-art distribution and remanufacturing facility in Amaranth—the longstanding Canadian company's largest and most modern yet.

Dedicated to warehousing tires, retreading truck tires, wheel refinishing and pre-mounting wheels to tires, the 410,000-square foot facility will support Kal Tire's network of 40 Ontario stores, a growing customer base of commercial fleets and an expanding independent dealer network. By streamlining operations within a single building, the company says those efficiencies will mean competitive prices and fast turnarounds on the highest quality tire and wheel products.

"The Amaranth facility is the most important, purpose-built investment we've made in the Ontario market—and it demonstrates our commitment to supporting growth in the region and delivering that spirit of customer service for which Kal Tire is so well known," says Cam Johnston, Senior Vice President Wholesale and Supply.

Already in operation for several weeks, the facility hosted an official opening celebration today that was attended by Kal Tire leaders and dignitaries. Those in attendance included MPP Sylvia Jones, MP Kyle Seebach, Amaranth Mayor Chris Gerrits, and members of Amaranth's city council.

The ceremony was also a special milestone for dozens of team members. Since Amaranth will serve Kal Tire locations previously serviced by a Brampton warehouse and retread facilities in London and Mississauga, the team is made up of both long-serving Kal Tire team members who relocated to the area and new team members already living in Dufferin County.

"We've worked in a very intentional way to bring together a strong, highly skilled team and the latest manufacturing equipment and innovative processes, all within a single, multi-operational site—at a time when supply and service is so important," says Johnston.

With an expanded warehouse facility, Kal Tire can stock more tires and wheels, and

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along with consolidated shipping, retreading and Kal's Tire Lodge for passenger vehicle tires, Kal Tire stores and customers (wholesale, commercial and retail) will benefit from even more timely deliveries.

The multi-year investment in the facility and equipment came after significant consultation with community stakeholders, including local government.

"They've really welcomed us and we're excited to be here," says Johnston. "Doing big things from a smaller community is all very much in keeping with our roots."

Kal Tire opened in Vernon, BC, in 1953 with a single service station and has grown to become Canada's largest independent tire dealer with more than 270 stores. More than 70 years later, the company is still family owned and still operates its main office out of Vernon.

#### **About Kal Tire**

Kal Tire is one of Canada's largest independent tire dealers and one of North America's largest commercial tire dealers. Kal Tire's Mining Tire Group is an international leader in mining tire service and supply, servicing more than 150 mine sites across five continents. The company has warehouse facilities across Canada servicing more than 270 Kal Tire retail and commercial stores. Kal Tire owns and operates 11 truck tire retread facilities across Canada, plus six earthmover retreading facilities located in Canada, the United Kingdom, Chile, Ghana and Mexico. The company employs more than 7,000 team members. For more information, visit [www.KalTire.com](http://www.KalTire.com).

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