Engineering Success for 60 Years



Atlantic Industries Limited





We've come a long way in the last 60 years

The year 2025 is a very special one for us all at Atlantic Industries Limited as we celebrate 60 years in business and look forward to many more. Milestones like this cause us to both appreciate our past accomplishments and increase the focus on our future goals. Sure, we've been successful, but it hasn't always been easy. Situations changed and we often had to go out and create our own opportunities — or, as I like to refer to it — engineer our own success.

Engineering and success have been part of our DNA since AIL's humble beginnings in 1965, when my father, the late John W. Wilson, founded the company in Dorchester Cape, New Brunswick — with a \$10,000 investment, a riveter and a staff of 10. It was a very small shop, as I recall when visiting it as a youngster. Dad shared a small front office with a secretary, Barb Bowser, while a lone salesman, Bill McEnery, sought business out on the road.











And we're focussed on a successful and sustainable future

From that rather modest start, we have grown steadily through a commitment to the development of new products and product enhancements, dependable field service and strategic acquisitions. Today, The AIL Group of Companies is a world leader in resilient and sustainable infrastructure solutions with locations across Canada, in the USA and with international licensees and partners. We have reinvested in our facilities with new equipment, robotics and solar-assisted manufacturing. And, we are committed to being carbon neutral by 2050.

Our strength has always been our talented people, and we could not have achieved our success without them. I look forward to getting down to engineering even more successes together.

Please take a moment to review this timeline of some of our more notable accomplishments and milestones over the last 60 years.

All the best,

Mr. Wilson

Mike Wilson, P. Eng., CEO The AIL Group of Companies









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Mining Engineer, John W. Wilson, moves to Sackville, NB, to manage a corrugated steel pipe plant for another company. AIL expands with Nova Scotia and Newfoundland operations.

AlL offers Hot Dip Galvanizing with a partner based in NS.

1975

After distributing similar product for several years, AIL develops and manufactures its own Bolt-A-Plate Structural Steel Plate.

Structural Steel Plate



Mike Wilson leads strategic acquisition of Koppers International (Canada) Limited, and moves to Ontario to become its President. Workforce now more than 200, with a nation-wide manufacturing and distribution network.

1988

Strategic planning process begins to develop and introduce new products.

1992



Rather than transfer with that company, John opens

Atlantic Industries Limited (AIL) in Dorchester Cape,

and a Board of Directors, comprised of shareholders

NB, with a \$10,000 investment, a riveter, a staff of ten

Early 1970s

John W. Wilson's son, Mike Wilson, graduates as a Civil Engineer from the University of New Brunswick and takes a job as a project engineer with the Alberta Department of Transportation.

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Late 1970s

Mike Wilson returns to AlL in Dorchester Cape to work with his father and develop a strategic plan to grow the business.

1981

AlL diversifies with Mike Wilson becoming General Manager of a division.

1982

Mike Wilson designs and builds a galvanizing plant at Dorchester Cape. AlL workforce now has over 100 employees.



Chairman of the Board, John W. Wilson, retires as President and hands over the reins of the firm to Mike Wilson, then 38.



1989



and business people from across Canada.



AlL introduces and patents deep-corrugated Super-Cor, the world's strongest corrugated steel plate.



AlL cultivates strategic distributor relationship with Big R Manufacturing, LLC, in Greeley, CO, a major modular steel bridge manufacturer serving the western US market.



AlL negotiates the purchase of Big R Manufacturing, which was about half the size of AlL. AlL develops strategic licensee in Australia.



Strategic Super-Cor licensing agreement is established with Pyungsan for Korean market.

AlL launches its own

MSE wall system,

Atlantic Wire Walls.

Civil Products





The AIL Group of Companies is formed.

The AlL Group acquires T&B Structural Systems of Fort Worth, TX, an established MSE wall engineering company.

AlL Group sets up AlL MINING team to sell to international mining sector.





BIG R B R I D G E



Atlantic Wire Walls expanded line is rebranded as Vist-A-Wall MSE Structural Wall Systems.

AIL is recognized as Canadian Innovation Leader with an NRC-IRAP Award (National Research Council).



SOUND WALLS

Develops Ultra-Cor, which surpasses Super-Cor as the world's strongest structural plate.

Enters the sound barrier wall market with the strategic acquisition of HLH Sound Walls and the creation of the AIL Sound Walls Division.

Develops Grid-Strip soil reinforcement technology to improve the efficiency of Vist-A-Walls.



In a strategic move to pool strengths and capitalize on growth opportunities, Vist-A-Wall Systems becomes a division of Big R Bridge.



AlL marks 50 years in business with a cross-Canada tour of employee events.



Expansion of Big R Bridge with a new facility in Forth Worth, TX, to manufacture Super-Cor and Bolt-A-Plate.



The AlL Group of Companies sells Atlantic Civil Products to Rocla Pty Ltd, a leading Australian supplier of concrete solutions to the building and construction industry.

Atlantic Civil Products becomes an AlL licensee under its new owner.

The AIL Group of Companies purchases and restores a Sackville, NB, heritage building for its new corporate office.

T&B Structural Systems, Inc. is rebranded as Vist-A-Wall Systems LLC to better support the company's position as an international leader in MSE wall design and construction.

Big R opens Eastern US bridge plant in Abingdon, VA.



AlL launches branding extension to better support its position as Canada's Bridge & Infrastructure Company.

Mike Wilson's son, Riley Wilson, joins The AlL Group, working for Big R Bridge.

AlL begins promoting a new Geotextile Reinforced Soil (GRS) Bridge technology to the resource road industry.

AlL International aligns with Algonquin Bridge to grow exclusive Canadian distributorship of Mabey Modular Panel Bridges.



Geotextile Reinforced Soil Bridges





AlL wins Exporter of the Year Award for Ultra-Cor and earns Guinness World Record for the largest buried metal bridge in Dubai.

AlL earns Canada's Best Managed Companies designation.

AlL Group sells Big R Bridge to Contech **Engineered Solutions.**

AlL opens plant in Kenora, ON.

2019



Unprecedented modernization/expansion of All's and Algonguin's Ontario manufacturing facilities, including robotics and solar-assisted manufacturing.

Algonquin Bridge earns Quality Certification from Canadian Institute of Steel Construction.



AIL enters HDPE pipe market and builds new manufacturing facility in Sackville, NB.

AlL Group is certified as a Great Place to Work.

AlL Sound Walls launches product innovations: GeoSonic, Concrete-Free Foundations; Apex, Angle-Top Sound Cove Solution and Visia, Transparent Acrylic Panel Solution.



AlL Group now has 12 locations across Canada and a number in the US.

AIL Group celebrates 60 years in business.

2025

2017

opens new

facility in

Thorndale, ON.



AIL Group donations

support the

University.

John W. Wilson

Heavy Structures

Lab at Dalhousie

2018

AIL Sound Walls launches XL Series product innovation with panels up to 16' long.

2021

AlL Group launches Family Education Grants in support of employees' family members.



2020

The AIL & Algonquin **FAMILY EDUCATION GRANTS** We support you. And yours.

AlL opens new head office in Cambridge, ON. AlL Group launches "Net Zero Emissions by 2050" initiative.

2023

2022



NET ZERO BY

AIL wins three NCSPA Project of the Year Awards for Ultra-Cor projects.

2024

All Group maintains Canada's Best Managed Companies Gold Standard designation by requalifying for the sixth consecutive year.

AlL co-convenes the international Buried Metal Bridges Symposium 2024-25 online series with Dalhousie University and Ohio University.



About The AIL Group of Companies

The ALL Group offers a wide range of resilient and sustainable infrastructure solutions engineered to deliver optimum performance and value. These include Structural Plate Bridges & Tunnels, Prefabricated Bridges, Modular Bridge Systems, Pipe & Drainage Solutions, Retaining Walls & Abutments and Sound Barrier Walls. By design, our solutions are easy to ship and install with minimal equipment and labour requirements.

The AIL Group is a proven project partner with dependable design, engineering and on-site support services. Together with our international licensees and partners, we bring a world of resources and expertise to projects in the transportation, public works, mining, energy, rail, forestry and development sectors.

