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# Labatt to close Saskatoon plant

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Canada's John Labatt Ltd. plans to close its Saskatoon brewery by May 1993 in an effort to consolidate its production, the brewer reported.

"Our Saskatoon brewery represents excess capacity and we felt we had to improve our efficiency by combining production at fewer breweries," stated Bod Binnendyk, Labatt's western region president.

A Labatt spokesperson said the planned closing is a continuation of the brewer's effort to reduce costs. Earlier this year, Labatt closed its Waterloo brewer, and over the past two years has cut its salaried work force by 25 percent.

Labatt has established and added extra funds to a pension enhancement plan for its Saskatoon employees, and has boosted its job counseling and placement services for the brewery's salaried workers.

The Saskatoon brewery produces approximately three percent of Labatt's national volume, the company said.

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