



Kodiak AI Launches International Autonomous Trucking Operations and Enters Logging Industry

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Kodiak Driver will haul timber from forest sites in Alberta, Canada later this year

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., May 07, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kodiak AI, Inc. ("Kodiak"), a leading provider of Physical AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology, today announced it will conduct pilot operations and explore the deployment of trucks equipped with the Kodiak Driver, Kodiak's AI-powered autonomous driving system, at West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.'s ("West Fraser") log-hauling operations in Alberta, Canada.

In the initial phase of work, Kodiak will pilot the use of its self-driving technology to transport timber from forest sites to one of West Fraser's Alberta processing facilities in Western Canada later this year. Results of the pilot will be used to inform any future long-term deployment of Kodiak Driver-equipped trucks for commercial driverless operations.

This work marks a significant milestone for Kodiak, representing the company's expansion into the timber industry, as well as its first international operations. Headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, with operations in Canada, the United States, and Europe, West Fraser is the world's largest manufacturer of wood building materials.

Logging truck routes often involve challenging, remote resource roads with uneven and rough terrain. By leveraging the Kodiak Driver, West Fraser aims to improve the safety of its logging transport operations, address the industry-wide shortage of drivers, and increase the consistency of its raw material supply to mills.

"Innovation that improves safety and sustainability has long been central to how West Fraser operates," said Mark Cookson, Woods Operations Manager, West Fraser. "This pilot gives us the opportunity to test autonomous technology that can help address driver shortages and enhance safety by reducing human exposure to the risks of remote, rough-terrain resource roads."

The Kodiak Driver is designed to handle the complex variables seen in industrial trucking environments. Kodiak deployed its first driverless technology commercially in West Texas's Permian Basin in December 2024, and scaled its operations to 20 driverless trucks as of the end of 2025. Its modular technology is built to withstand the dust, vibration, and extreme weather conditions typical in industrial environments, including the oil and gas and forestry sectors.

"We built the Kodiak Driver to be the most versatile autonomous system on the market, capable of handling everything from interstate highways to the toughest industrial environments, from arid West Texas to the forests of Western Canada," said Don Burnette, Founder and CEO of Kodiak. "Our work with West Fraser is the perfect opportunity to support our expansion into logging, because it is an industry leader with a deep understanding of the logistical complexities of timber. By bringing the benefits of autonomous trucking to the wood products industry, we are demonstrating that our technology can thrive in even the most demanding settings."

FPIInnovations, a private non-profit research and development center, facilitated the collaboration between Kodiak and West Fraser. Supported by federal and provincial governments as well as over 50 forest-product companies, FPIInnovations brings decades of expertise in advancing transportation solutions that address unique challenges of the Canadian forest sector.

"This is an important step towards making autonomous transportation in Canada's forests a reality. The adoption of new key technologies is critical for the Canadian forest sector to remain competitive," said Christoph Schilling, Program Manager Transportation for FPIInnovations. "Deploying these technologies strategically, safely, with real operational purpose and in close collaboration with industry, technology providers and regulators will be crucial for its adoption."

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In addition, forward-looking statements reflect Kodiak's expectations, plans or forecasts of future events and views as of the date they are made. Kodiak anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause Kodiak's assessments to change. However, while Kodiak may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, Kodiak specifically disclaims any obligation to do so, except as required by law. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Kodiak's assessments as of any date subsequent to the date they are made.

About Kodiak AI, Inc.

Kodiak AI, Inc. (Nasdaq: KDK) was founded in 2018 and is a leading provider of physical artificial intelligence ("AI") with a focus on AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology designed to help tackle some of the toughest driving jobs. Kodiak's driverless solution can help address the critical problem of safely transporting goods in the face of unprecedented supply chain challenges. Kodiak's vision is to become the trusted world leader in autonomous ground transportation. Kodiak is committed to a safer and more efficient future for all through the commercialization of driverless trucking at scale. To that end, Kodiak developed the Kodiak Driver, a virtual driver that combines advanced AI-powered software with modular and vehicle-agnostic hardware designed to help address Kodiak's customers' needs. The Kodiak Driver is not just an idea—it is operating without anyone in the cab today. Kodiak serves customers in the long-haul trucking, industrial trucking, and defense industries. In 2024, Kodiak believes it achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first company to deploy customer-owned and -operated driverless trucks in commercial service.

For more information about Kodiak, please visit <https://kodiak.ai/investors>. Kodiak's press kit with videos and images can be found [HERE](#).

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