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WESTON FOREST NAMED ONE OF CANADA'S BEST MANAGED COMPANIES

Mississauga, Ontario – March 10, 2015. Rick Ekstein, President and Chief Executive Officer, is pleased to announce that Weston Forest has just been named a winner of Canada's Best Managed Companies program for 2014, sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC, *National Post*, Queen's School of Business and MacKay CEO Forums.

"We have spent many years attracting, training, and creating opportunities for our great group of team members," said Ekstein, "and while we always thought that we were a well managed company, it is a huge honour to be recognized as one of the best in Canada, by the judges of this program."

Established in 1993, Canada's Best Managed Companies is the country's leading business awards program, recognizing excellence in Canadian owned and managed companies with revenues over \$10 million.

Every year, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies compete for this designation in a rigorous and independent process that evaluates the caliber of their management abilities and practices.

"Winners of this prestigious award should be very proud of their company," said Glen Ives, Chairman of Deloitte Canada. "These companies have learned to be creative, innovative, and relentless, in their drive to provide better and better value to their customers and suppliers, and we are proud to be able to recognize some of Canada's best businesses"

Weston Forest is one of North America's leading full service distributors and remanufacturers of softwood & hardwood lumber and specialty panel products.

Weston maintains an extensive inventory of industrial and commodity lumber and panels to provide just-in-time service to the crating and industrial packaging industry, construction and infrastructure sector, and Lumber and Building Materials dealers, including MSR lumber for truss manufacturers.

Weston also acts as an exclusive sales agent for a group of SPF sawmills in northern Ontario, producing mostly rough lumber in dimensions up to 12x12x32'. Weston Forest operates two distribution and remanufacturing facilities in the Greater Toronto Area, and uses several distribution and remanufacturing facilities in Quebec, Ontario, Michigan, New York, and Maryland.

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