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## **WESTON FOREST NAMED ONE OF CANADA'S FASTEST GROWING COMPANIES**

**Mississauga, Ontario – September 17, 2015.** Rick Ekstein, President and Chief Executive Officer, is pleased to announce that Weston Forest has just been recognized by *Canadian Business* magazine's PROFIT 500 report, as one of the fastest growing companies in Canada.

Weston Forest had a five year revenue growth of 72%.

"These 500 companies represent the highest tier of entrepreneurialism in Canada," says James Cowan, Editor-in-Chief of PROFIT and Canadian Business. "They should be lauded for the positive economic contributions they've made to their communities – and the entire country. They are examples of what can be accomplished with innovation, discipline and determination."

"We are very proud of this recognition" stated Ekstein. "It is one more validation that the strategic plan our team put together during the worst days of the recession is working. We developed a multifaceted program to invest in our people and our infrastructure, and to continue to diversify our product lines and geographical footprint. As the economy has turned around, we have been able to capitalize on new opportunities, both organically and through acquisition."

"It's all about people," said Ekstein, "and we have a great team."

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**Weston Forest is one of North America's leading distributors and remanufacturers of softwood & hardwood lumber and specialty panel products. Weston's different business units serve the industrial crating and packaging sectors, provide specialty products to the construction and infrastructure sectors, and manufacture and distribute a wide variety of products to Lumber and Building Material dealers.**

***Canadian Business* was founded in 1928, and is the longest-serving and best-selling business publication in the country.**

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