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WESTON FOREST is once again a recipient of the Canadian Business Excellence Awards for Private Businesses

Mississauga, ON – June 24, 2024 – Steve Rhone, President and CEO of Weston Forest, is pleased to announce that the company is a recipient of the 2024 Canadian Business Excellence Awards for Private Businesses. This is the seventh consecutive year that Weston Forest has won this prestigious honour.

Rhone states, “Repeatedly receiving this recognition from Excellence Canada confirms our commitment to creating a great customer experience, exemplified by our brand promise, “You’ll love doing business with us”. This is made possible by our culture of support and engagement, and our great Weston Forest team.”

According to Allan Ebedes, President & CEO of Excellence Canada, "The Canadian Business Excellence Award recognizes entrepreneurial and growth-oriented private businesses that delight their customers, engage their employees, and who foster a culture of innovation at their workplace. This year we're pleased to recognize 26 Canadian organizations for their achievement. A tremendous amount of hard work and commitment was required by everyone at these organizations to meet the requirements of this Award, and we're thrilled to celebrate with them at our Ruby Jubilee in October, marking our 40th anniversary of celebrating Canadian Excellence."

Excellence Canada's mission is to help improve organizational performance and recognize excellence, with a vision to promote and enable excellence in every organization in Canada. The Canadian Business Excellence Awards for Private Businesses is a national award administered annually. This special designation recognizes businesses from all industries that demonstrate a strategic approach to successfully improving performance and achieving goals. Applicants are evaluated by the adjudication committee of the Canadian Business Excellence Award against the award criteria in three key performance areas: (1) Delighted Customers; (2) Engaged Employees; and (3) Innovation. Applicants are benchmarked on their own merit and do not compete against one another.





About Excellence Canada

Excellence Canada is an independent, not-for-profit corporation that is committed to advancing organizational excellence across Canada. Since 1992, Excellence Canada has helped thousands of organizations become cultures of continuous quality improvement and world-class role models, through its Organizational Excellence® Standard and its multi-level progressive methodology.

As a national authority on Quality, Healthy Workplace®, and Mental Health at Work®, Excellence Canada provides excellence frameworks, standards, and independent verification and certification to organizations of all sizes and in all sectors. It is also the custodian and adjudicator of the *Canada Awards for Excellence* program, of which the Patron is the Governor General of Canada.

About Weston Forest

Weston Forest is a leading distributor and remanufacturer of softwood & hardwood lumber and specialty panel products, serving North America’s industrial and construction sectors. Weston’s remanufacturing and inventory management services help customers create specified crating, packaging, pallets and boxes, and other niche wood products that are essential for the production or shipment of Industrial goods. The company’s logistics and just-in-time fulfilment capabilities support truss manufacturing, framing, lagging & shoring, concrete forming and other processes that are crucial to commercial and residential construction and large infrastructure projects.

Weston Forest originated as a family business in 1953. Today it is a vital and dynamic organization, repeatedly recognized by Deloitte as one of *Canada’s Best Managed Companies*, recipient of several *Canadian Business Excellence Awards for Private Businesses*, and multiple winner of *Waterstone Canada’s Most Admired Corporate Cultures Award*. Weston Forest is certified as a *Great Place to Work*®!

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