



## Weston Forest Group



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### **Weston Forest Group requalified as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies**

**MISSISSAUGA, ON – February 16, 2010** – Weston Forest Group is proud to once again be named as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies. This is the third year in a row we can claim this distinction!

This award is sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, Queen's School of Business and the National Post. It recognizes companies that succeed by focusing on their vision, creating stakeholder value and excelling in the global economy.

"This is a tremendous honour" said Rick Ekstein, President. "We are in the midst of the worst market conditions the Forest Product Industry has ever seen, yet our teams are clearly focused and working hard to achieve our strategic goals. I am extremely proud of our staff"

"In a tough economy, Weston has continued to focus on their core vision, as well as applying innovative leading business practices and creating stakeholder value," commented John Hughes, Partner, Private Company service group within Deloitte, a national sponsor of the Best Managed program. "Weston has a vision, and they are actively trying to attain their goals, despite the challenges in the global economy."

#### **About Weston Forest Group**

Weston Forest Group was founded in 1953, and has grown to become one of North America's premier providers of forest products. The companies in the Weston Forest Group supply domestic and imported hardwoods, softwoods, engineered wood products and panel products across Canada, the U.S. and around the globe – through one of the largest supply bases and most knowledgeable workforces in the industry. Find out more about Weston Forest Group at [www.westonforestgroup.com](http://www.westonforestgroup.com).

#### **About Canada's Best Managed Companies**

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