



# Weston Forest Group



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

**MISSISSAUGA, ON – February 3, 2009** – Weston Forest Group is proud to have been once again named as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies. A winner of the 2007 Canada's Best Managed Companies award, requalifying means we are still one of the best!

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.

"We are honoured to receive recognition as one of Canada's Best Managed Companies for the second year in a row," said Rick Ekstein, President. "It speaks of our commitment to our customers, our employees, and our industry and we're working hard to remain one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies in 2009. One way we'll get there is with a company-wide attitude that acknowledges the challenges of the recession, but refuses to participate in the hype."

"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**

Established in 1993, Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies is one of 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 calibre of their management abilities and practices. For more information, visit [www.canada50best.com](http://www.canada50best.com).