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Weston Forest Group is Named One of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies

MISSISSAUGA, ON – February 12, 2008 – Weston Forest Group is proud to be named one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies for 2007. The 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.

"Our customers have always known we're good, now we're among the best", says Rick Ekstein, President. "We're very honoured. Our focus on innovation, growth, a strong culture and the bottom line is what allows us to succeed and be a part of this prestigious group."

Weston Forest Group has grown from a family-run Toronto lumberyard, founded over 50 years ago, into a multifaceted organization, supplying the world with a wide array of forest and wood products. By embracing change, Weston has succeeded in an industry that continuously has its challenges.

"Our congratulations to Weston. In choosing them as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies, we focused on their strong business practices and their ability to be flexible in a changing marketplace. These qualities are what makes them winners," said John Hughes, Partner, Private Company Services group with Deloitte, a national sponsor of the Best Managed program.

"Our business is built on the value-added partnerships we form with our customers and the support we give our staff to grow, it's truly a team effort", according to Mr. Ekstein. "We couldn't have won without the loyalty of our customers, suppliers and employees."

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 family 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.

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 caliber of their management abilities and practices. For more information, visit www.canadas50best.com.