



News Release

Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies Announced

Winners are well positioned strategically to succeed in current economic climate

Toronto, February 2, 2009 – The winners of the 2008 Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies Award continue to raise the bar for Canadian business. This year's winners generated \$6.4 billion in combined revenue, had an average revenue increase of 43% (2006-2009) and employ over 28,000 in Canada. The 50 Best Managed companies, in eight provinces and across a significant number of industries, have shown the ability to maintain sustainable growth amid volatile economic conditions.

"These companies are successful today because of their commitment to strong planning, understanding the market and adapting to their customers' needs," says John Hughes, Deloitte partner, private company services, and national leader of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies Program. "Even two years ago, these companies were building contingency plans in the event of economic softness."

Canadian entrepreneurs have been successful in competing globally and overcoming many diverse market challenges by being adaptable.

"The ability of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies to meet the challenges of a competitive market is a direct reflection of their pursuit of innovation, and their investment in meeting the needs of their clients" said Rick Lunny, Executive Vice-President, CIBC Retail Markets.

2008 Best Managed Winners

Company	City	Province
Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd.	Vancouver	BC
NORPAC Controls Ltd.	Burnaby	BC
Nuheat Industries Limited	Delta	BC
Rescan Environmental Services Ltd.	Vancouver	BC
All Weather Windows	Edmonton	AB
Apex Distribution Inc.	Calgary	AB
Associated Engineering	Edmonton	AB
CCI Thermal Technologies Inc.	Edmonton	AB
Clark Builders	Edmonton	AB
Engineered Air (Airtex Manufacturing Partnership)	Calgary	AB
Great Western Containers Inc.	Calgary	AB
Spitz International Inc.	Bow Island	AB
Alliance Energy Group of Companies	Regina	SK

Partner Technologies Incorporated	Regina	SK
Walker Seeds Ltd.	Saskatoon	SK
Genesis Hospitality Inc.	Brandon	MB
GHY International	Winnipeg	MB
ASL Distribution Services Limited	Oakville	ON
Barrie Metals Group of Companies	Barrie	ON
Conestoga Cold Storage	Kitchener	ON
Conestoga-Rovers & Associates Limited	Waterloo	ON
Deca Cables	Trenton	ON
Desjardins Healthcare Group	Ottawa	ON
Diamond and Schmitt Architects	Toronto	ON
G.A.P Adventures	Toronto	ON
George Kelk Corporation	Toronto	ON
Govan Brown Construction Managers	Toronto	ON
Grand River Foods	Cambridge	ON
Klick	Toronto	ON
Marsan Foods Limited	Scarborough	ON
N. Harris Computer Corporation	Ottawa	ON
OnX Enterprise Solutions Ltd.	Thornhill	ON
Quantum Murray LP	Toronto	ON
R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	Toronto	ON
Rowan Williams Davies & Irwin Inc.	Guelph	ON
S.A. Armstrong Limited	Toronto	ON
Steam Whistle Brewing	Toronto	ON
Summer Fresh Salads Incorporated	Woodbridge	ON
VERITAAQ	Ottawa	ON
Atrahan Transformation inc.	Yamachiche	QC
BBA inc.	Mont-Saint-Hilaire	QC
Groupe Distinction Inc.	Lachine	QC
Industries Canatal inc.	Thetford Mines	QC
Les industries Mailhot Inc.	Terrebonne	QC
Miralis inc.	St-Anaclet	QC
Radialpoint	Montreal	QC

Cooke Aquaculture Inc.	Blacks Harbour	NB
The Day & Ross Transportation Group	Hartland	NB
O'Regan's Automotive Group	Dartmouth	NS
PolyCello	Amherst	NS

2008 Best Managed winners, Platinum Club members, and Requalified members will be honoured at the Best Managed 16th annual, invitation-only Symposium and Gala on February 9, 2009 in Toronto.

About Canada's Best Managed Companies

Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies continues to be the mark of excellence for Canadian-owned and managed companies with revenues over \$10 million. Every year, since the launch of the program in 1993, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies have competed for this designation in a rigorous and independent process that evaluates their management skills and practices. The awards are granted on three levels: 1) Best Managed winner (one of the 50 new winners selected each year); 2) Requalified member (repeat winners retain the Best Managed designation for two additional years, subject to annual operational and financial review); 3) Platinum Club member (winners that maintain Best Managed status for a minimum of six consecutive years). Program sponsors are Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post, and Queen's School of Business. For further information, visit www.canadas50best.com.

-30-

Contact:

Maciek Jaworski, Venture Communications
403-237-2388 x 284, maciek@openminds.ca

Fabrice de Dongo, Deloitte
416-874-3249, fdedongo@deloitte.ca