

BC Company named one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies

Today, Hayes Forest Services Limited, a major forest services provider with headquarters in Duncan, British Columbia, was recognized as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies in a national competition sponsored by Andersen, CIBC, National Post, and Queen's School of Business.

Each year the prestigious award program identifies 50 Canadian businesses that have achieved both strong revenue and growth, and excellence in their products and services, employee motivation, and customer service.

"This award recognizes the employees of the Hayes team, who have contributed to our growth and to the high level of customer service that we deliver," said Donald P. Hayes, President. "It would not have been possible without the support of our suppliers and customers, who have put considerable trust in us."

Hayes is a leading forest services provider and offers a complete range of services including all phases of conventional ground based logging, helicopter logging and aviation services, forestry and engineering and timberland management. Hayes has a broad base of customers which includes Weyerhaeuser, TimberWest, Western Forest Products Limited, J.S. Jones Timber Ltd., Interfor, Canfor, Dunkley Lumber Ltd., and others.

In addition to our traditional customers, Hayes is building strong working relationships with First Nations based on respect for their unique culture, values and needs. "We are very proud to work on Vancouver Island with the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Ditidaht First Nation, and other First Nations," says Hayes. "We are also the forestry advisor to the Lillooet Tribal Council and Nee Tahi Buhn Band in B.C.'s interior."

Hayes is a name that has been long associated with the forest industry. In the 1920s, the Hayes family developed the legendary Hayes logging truck with a revolving log bunk system – a design innovation that became the industry norm and is still widely used today. The spirit and tradition of innovation has continued as Hayes has become amongst the first of the forest services companies to develop a highly integrated management information system that drives all of the company's operations. "We further expanded our capabilities to better serve our evolving customer base, by developing in-house helicopter logging, forestry and engineering" says Hayes.

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The 50 Best awards program involved a very detailed process. Applications were sent out to over 15,000 pre-qualified companies across Canada. The applications were screened and presented to adjudication panels. Only 50 companies were chosen from across Canada. These companies span a variety of industries and all reflect the best practices in their industry.

According to awards officials, the program seeks to identify both traditional and non-traditional companies and to recognize companies that embrace new technology, globalization, and a new generation of people entering the workforce. The award recognizes the increased importance of leadership, strategy, culture, brand and knowledge. As well, the award creates a forum for winners to establish contacts, build alliances, and share ideas with other award-winning members.

The 50 Best logo has come to symbolize Canadian business success; companies that are growing rapidly and excelling in the global marketplace; companies that know how to win and create value in innovative ways; and companies that are evolving, yet staying focused on their core vision.

The 50 Best awards program continues to raise the profile of Canadian owned businesses that have outperformed their competitors, created thousands of jobs, produced accelerating revenues and excelled both at home and abroad.

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