

Hayes' Environmental Management System Meets ISO Standards

Hayes Forest Services Limited has received confirmation from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) that its environmental practices meet worldwide standards. Hayes' Environmental Management System is now registered to ISO 14001.

"This ISO registration confirms the best practices we have been striving to achieve in environmental management," says Donald P. Hayes, President of Hayes Forest Services Limited, a leading British Columbia forest services provider based in Duncan. "This is verification that we follow an approved standardized process for the environmental management of our operations."

Hayes has complied with its customers' ISO standards for years. By receiving its own ISO 14001 registration, the Company gives its customers confidence that Hayes is committed to best environmental practices in its own right. Hayes is among the first forest services providers in British Columbia to seek its own registration.

ISO 14001 is the Environmental Management System standard of the International Organization for Standardization. It includes 19 chapters of environmental standards that must be met. The 14001 standards ensure registered organizations improve accountability, compliance and efficiency while reducing environmental impact.

"The ISO 14001 registration is based on the concept of continual improvement," says Henry Sirkia, RPF, Hayes' Manager, Forestry & Engineering. "We will be involved in regular audits of our Environmental Management System, and we have developed a proprietary state-of-the-art tracking system to ensure every aspect of our operations is in compliance with our high standards."

"We are extremely proud of management and line staff who have worked so hard to achieve this operating standard," says Company President Donald P. Hayes. "The ISO 14001 registration enhances our competitiveness while ensuring environmental performance excellence."

Hayes has also completed a protocol agreement with Weyerhaeuser Canada to ensure that the Hayes Environmental Management System complies with or exceeds the Weyerhaeuser environmental management requirements for its own operations.

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Recognized in 2001 as one of "Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies", Hayes is the leading forest services provider in British Columbia. With the broadest service offering in the industry, Hayes has been known for innovation and integrity since 1922. Based in Duncan, British Columbia, Hayes continues to be privately held by the Hayes family.

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