

News Release

Clark Builders Named One of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies

Commitment to people brings calculated growth

Edmonton, AB – February 2, 2009 – Clark Builders is proud to announce that it was today named as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies (Best Managed) for 2008. This prestigious national award is sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post and Queen's School of Business.

Established in 1993, the Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies is a national awards program, recognizing Canadian companies that have implemented world-class business practices and created value in innovative ways. Applications are reviewed by an independent judging panel that evaluates how companies address various business challenges, including new technologies, globalization, brand management, leadership, leveraging and developing core competencies, designing information systems and hiring the right talent to facilitate growth.

"Today's marketplace is not just about the investment in the product; it is also about the investment in the people. Clark Builders invests in their team to build up a strong and stable company. Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies carries this attribute and we are pleased to say Clark Builders is one of this year's recipients," said John Hughes, Partner, Private Company Services group with Deloitte, a national sponsor of the Best Managed program.

As a privately-held organization, Clark Builders' commitment to employees through its internal Clark Builders University and employee share ownership plan were what set it apart from the program's other applicants and helped them to become one of only ten per cent of first-time applicants to win the prestigious nod. Also attributing to the win was Clark Builders' strong tactical plan with set priorities for growth which is supported by an external Board of Directors.

"Our success can be attributed to a strong and diverse team with an honest work ethic and trusted relationships. We're thrilled to be recognized for doing what we believe is the right thing each and every day," said Paul Verhesen, President, Clark Builders.

About Canada's Best Managed Companies

Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies continues to be the mark of excellence for Canadian-owned 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 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.

About Clark Builders

With roots deeply embedded in Canada's north, Clark Builders has defined itself as a solid provider of choice for construction services in Western Canada. Celebrating 35 years of construction excellence on a foundation of Respect, Communication and Trust, the company continues to build itself one good person and one good project at a time.

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