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WHSCC RECOGNIZES BUSINESSES AT ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CONFERENCE

Saint John: The Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission (WHSCC) of New Brunswick was pleased to recognize the health and safety efforts of two New Brunswick employers at the Commission's 25th annual Health and Safety Conference.

"Both companies have made a real commitment to the health and safety of their workers," says David Greason, Vice President of the WHSCC's WorkSafe Services Division. "They've gone above and beyond what the legislation requires of them, and those efforts have paid off."

Miramichi Structurwood, a manufacturer of engineered lumber products employing 160 workers, has consistently registered less than two accidents for every 100 employees in an industrial setting demanding regular attention.

"This is one-third to one-half as many accidents experienced by other companies in the same industry grouping," Greason says. "As well, the accidents that have occurred at their site have been minor in nature. These facts are something to be proud of."

Villa St-Joseph, a nursing home facility, has seen its accident frequency rate (the number of accidents for every 100 workers) steadily decline since the year 2000. This is also reflected in declining accident costs.

"Villa St-Joseph holds the enviable position of paying annual assessment amounts that are well below the industry average," Greason says. "This allows them to continue to make investments in health and safety equipment and training that will benefit their staff in the future."

Both companies were present to receive recognition certificates at the WHSCC Awards Breakfast, held on Tuesday October 25th, in conjunction with the 25th annual Health and Safety Conference program.



ABOUT MIRAMICHI STRUCTURWOOD

Miramichi Structurwood is a division of Weyerhaeuser, an international forest products company founded in 1900, with annual sales of almost \$30 billion (Cdn.) The Miramichi facility was purchased in November 1999 and directly employs 160 people. It also supports a further 175 people who work in the woods to supply fibre to the plant.



ABOUT VILLA ST-JOSEPH

Villa St. Joseph is a level three nursing home in Tracadie New Brunswick. In 2006, it will celebrate thirty years of operation. The Villa employs 75 workers, who work in shifts to care for the 64 residents at the facility – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

ABOUT THE WHSCC

The WHSCC administers no-fault workplace accident and disability insurance for employers and their workers, funded solely through assessments on employers. The WHSCC is committed to the prevention of workplace injuries and accidents through education and the enforcement of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.
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