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Tolko Wins BC Export Award in Natural Resources Category

Vernon, British Columbia, Canada – Tolko Industries Ltd. received the top honour in the Natural Resources category at the 30th annual BC Exports Awards. The Natural Resources Award recognizes the company that has engaged in marketing, processing and primary production of natural resources.

The BC Export Awards were given out at a ceremony held in Vancouver on November 23, 2012. A total of 27 companies were finalists in nine sector award categories plus two individual awards: the Leadership Award and the International Business Studies Award. The BC Export Awards recognizes the innovative approaches and unique contributions of export companies in British Columbia across all sectors and in all regions.

“Tolko is committed to our international customers by providing quality products backed by excellence in customer service,” said Tolko’s vice president, Sales, Marketing & Logistics, Hardy Wentzel. “Our Export group appreciates the nod of recognition and will continue to build on the service expectations set by our customers and partners abroad.”

Responding to Tolko’s growth in the export market, John Langley, Tolko’s general manager, Export said, “We saw an opportunity in the overseas markets and we acted on it. Six years ago, just eight percent of Tolko’s structural wood products from our operations across Western Canada were heading overseas. In 2011, approximately 40 percent of these products went abroad and we continue to explore more opportunities.”

Tolko Industries Ltd. is a private, Canadian-owned forest products company based in Vernon, British Columbia with approximately 2,900 employees. Tolko is a major producer and marketer of lumber, veneer, plywood, oriented strand board, and kraft papers, with manufacturing operations across Western Canada. The Company’s Woodlands operations have received third-party certification of their sustainable forest management systems.

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