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Al-Pac a Top 100 Canadian employer - five years running

Boyle, AB, Oct. 11, 2012 – For the fifth year running Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. (Al-Pac) has been named one of Canada's Top 100 Employers.

The company first submitted its application to be considered for the Maclean's magazine award in 2008 and since that time has continued to offer consistent workplace programs for the men and women who strive to move the company forward.

"Providing a workplace with long-term programs that stand-up against what other leading Canadian employers offer is important for our company," says Al-Pac's vice-president of human resources Derek Getty. "Northeastern Alberta has a competitive job market and we know that we must work hard to provide the type of workplace our team members are happy to return to, and equally as important, talented new people want to join."

Maclean's magazine, in partnership with Mediacorp Canada Inc, began determining the list of 2012 Top 100 companies by examining the recruitment histories of over 75,000 Canadian employers. From this initial group Mediacorp invited 10,000 employers to submit an application plus those of another 2,500 companies it wanted to examine more closely.

These employers were evaluated in eight key areas: physical workplace; work atmosphere and social; health, financial and family benefits; vacation and time off; employee communications; performance management; training and skills development; and, community involvement. The employers on the resulting list were each identified as having exemplary workplace environments.

Among the company's attributes are company-wide profit sharing, comprehensive and competitive benefits, industry leading training, workplace flexibility and subsidized community volunteering. The company also provides team members with a four-day workweek, driving range, 16-hectare trout pond, fitness centre and walking trails. Detailed reasons for selection are available by visiting www.eluta.ca and accessing the link to Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.

For more information about Al-Pac or Canada's top 100 companies visit www.alpac.ca or www.macleans.ca

Al-Pac is North America's largest single-line kraft pulp mill, producing 650,000 air-dried metric tonnes of bleached hardwood and softwood pulp annually. The company's 450 team members are focused on producing quality pulp for customers around the world and environmental leadership. In 2005, Al-Pac received Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification, a leading standard that embraces social and environmental values along with sound forest management and manufacturing practices.