

RESOLUTE'S MARIE-PHILIPPE DROUIN RECEIVES RISING STAR AWARD FROM CANADA'S FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR

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Vancouver, BC – Earlier today, Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) hosted its annual *Awards of Excellence* luncheon in Vancouver where Resolute's Marie-Philippe Drouin was presented with FPAC's 2019 *Rising Star Award*.



FPAC hosts this annual event to recognize excellence in the sector and to honour the achievements of our workers and community partners. The *Rising Star Award* is presented to an individual who brings passion and pride to their work every day, and is making a unique contribution to their workplace. "This award provides an opportunity for our industry to

showcase the talent and knowledge that young professionals like Marie-Philippe Drouin are bringing to Canada's forest products sector", said FPAC President and CEO Derek Nighbor. "Our sector is undergoing a massive transformation and our young leaders are changing the face of forestry and leading the charge toward the future. Marie-Philippe so well represents the very best of our next generation of forest industry leaders", he added.

When asked to share his thoughts around Ms. Drouin's achievements, Resolute Forest Products President and CEO Yves Laflamme noted: "It has always been clear to us that Marie-Philippe was up to the challenge. Her sharp mind and curiosity quickly helped her follow and eventually lead technical discussions. She is driven to excel in everything she does, inspiring her team and colleagues, while tackling her work with energy, vision and passion."





Marie-Philippe's professional career began with Resolute Forest Products' Internship Program for Engineers in 2013, which led to employment at Kénogami (Québec) paper mill as a junior chemical engineer. In 2016, she transferred to Resolute's Alma paper mill where she helped with planning, organization, management and coordination of the pulp transformation process.

In 2018, Marie-Philippe completed her Master's in Business Administration at the University of Québec in Chicoutimi. "I have always been a driven person, and giving the best of myself, both personally and professionally, has especially motivated me," said Drouin. "I'd like to acknowledge Resolute Forest Products' Internship Program for Engineers. This initiative, without a doubt, was the starting point for my professional development. I am truly honoured and grateful to FPAC for recognizing me as the 2019 *Rising Star Award* winner".

To see the full list of FPAC Award recipients, please visit <http://www.fpac.ca/canadas-forest-sector-celebrates-its-best-and-brightest-in-vancouver>.

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