

SELKIN LOGGING RECEIVES INDIGENOUS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

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Vancouver, BC – Earlier today, Selkin Logging out of Fraser Lake, BC was presented with the 2019 *Indigenous Business Leadership Award* in Vancouver. This annual award is a joint initiative between the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) and Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC).

The 2019 *Indigenous Business Leadership Award* celebrates Indigenous entrepreneurs in the forest products industry who exemplify business leadership through exceptional environmental and safety performance and the delivery of high quality products and services. The recipient must also demonstrate a long-term commitment to the Indigenous community, particularly in

supporting Indigenous employment.



“People are often surprised to learn that the forest products sector has operations in more than 400 Indigenous communities across Canada,” said FPAC President and CEO Derek Nighbor. “The *Indigenous Business Leadership Award* is an opportunity to highlight some of the great work being done in these

communities and how Indigenous business leaders are embracing the wealth of opportunities in Canada’s forest products sector,” he added.

“The heart of the forestry sector lies within Indigenous communities and businesses,” said JP Gladu, President and CEO, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. “CCAB is proud to have partnered with FPAC to recognize exemplary leadership and performance in a forest products business and long-term commitment to the Indigenous community. Congratulations to Selkin Logging Limited, the recipient of the 2019 FPAC-CCAB Indigenous Business Leadership award. For three decades, Robert and Gladys Michell have ensured the success of their First Nation-

owned and operated business creating long-term jobs and sustainable prosperity for their community. They are most deserving of today's recognition and celebration and we are also proud to have them join CCAB as a new member and serve as a positive role model to others," Gladu added.

Selkin Logging Limited of Fraser Lake, BC was first incorporated in 1990 by Robert and Gladys Michell. From its early days the company has been dedicated to the highest of standard of safety for their crews and contractors. Selkin has made it a priority to employ Indigenous people. At this time, some 90 per cent of their workforce is Indigenous. The owners have also guided new business ventures for women in Log Truck Driving and other heavy equipment training in the industry.

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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