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SEED TO STRUCTURE: NEW BEGINNINGS AND A CONTINUED LEGACY AT WESTERN ARCHRIB

EDMONTON, Alberta – Craig & Howie Ewashko, the owners of Northland Forest Products, are excited to announce their acquisition of Western Archrib, a leader in design, manufacture, and custom fabrication of glued-laminated structural wood systems. A made in Alberta success story, they are proud to have the opportunity to build on and continue the Western Archrib legacy.

Former owners, Kent and Joan Fargey were intent on preserving the company's culture and expertise. As such, Craig and Howie Ewashko were viewed as sharing a common vision and values. Bringing together two companies with a combined 120 years of history in the wood industry, they will seek to continue an Alberta based spirit of leadership, entrepreneurship, and innovation along with a commitment to the wood industry and sustainable solutions.

"As a steward of Alberta's forests, we look forward to being able to follow the journey from seed, to forest, to these beautiful stunning structures," said Howie Ewashko, co-owner of Northland Forest Products and Western Archrib. "We are proud to work in and be stewards of Alberta forests, and are excited to be part of an integrated business that better connects people to nature."

"We believe we have a great team and great employees. All our key staff is continuing on, and we see this less as the beginning of a new story and more as a continuation." said Kent Fargey, former president of Western Archrib. "We are excited to work with the new ownership to see where this story goes."

About Northland Forest Products

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Northland Forest Products Limited is a family run sawmill located a few minutes north of Fort McMurray, Alberta. Northland uses 100% of the fibre that enters its yards. Northland plants 2 – 3 seedlings for every tree harvested and has planted more than 32 million trees over the lifetime of the company. Northland is FSC certified.

About Western Archrib

A leader in the design, manufacture, and custom fabrication of glued-laminated structural wood systems since 1951. Western Archrib's product line includes the manufacture of Douglas Fir Glulam, Spruce Pine Glulam, and Alaskan Yellow Cedar Glulam into beams, columns, and mass timber panels. Western Archrib is certified to manufacture in accordance with the national standards of Canada, the United States, and Japan. Western Archrib is also FSC certified.

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