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Stora Enso's Port Hawkesbury Mill employs 550 mill and woodlands people in the production of newsprint and supercalendered paper for customers all over North America. More than 600 people also work for wood suppliers, contractors, and trucking contractors to support our mill operations.

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## **Congratulations to our Forestry Professionals**



(Calvin Archibald, Selena and Mark Bannerman, Grant MacDonald)

Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury Ltd. wishes to congratulate one of its forestry contractors, *Next Generation Forest Management Ltd.* for receiving the 2007 Canadian Woodlands Forum (CWF) "Outstanding Contractor of the Year Award" for Nova Scotia. The evaluation is based on their performance during 2006.

The Outstanding Contractor of the Year Award recognizes logging professionals' contribution to managing the forest resource in a sustainable manner. This award is given annually to a forestry contractor who exhibits exemplary qualities in both business and forest management.

*Next Generation Forest Management Ltd (Next Gen.)* was founded in 2000 by Calvin Archibald, P. Eng. to "protect the forest resource for future generations by providing information and silviculture services to woodlot owners in Eastern Nova Scotia". In 2001 *Next General* entered into a partnership agreement with Stora Enso to provide silviculture services on Crown and company lands.

*Next Gen* has grown to 21 employees, with registered professional foresters (RPF) Mark and Selena Bannerman and dedicated staff providing planning, planting, weeding, thinning and harvesting services to over 150 private lots and to Stora Enso. Planning and private lot and Crown land mapping are 'state-of-the art'. Their offices are located in Barney's River, Pictou County and New Town, Guysborough County.

*Next Gen's* employees have recently donated a day's wages, matched by *Next Gen Ltd.* to raise \$3,000 for the CWF "Load a Log for Kids" program in support of the IWK Hospital fund. These employees have also agreed to use their \$500 prize from the CWF to provide a public woodlands tour, demonstrating the important job they do to promote the development of the forest for many purposes.

Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury Ltd. is proud of the high quality work done by its Woodlands harvesting and silviculture contractors. Based in communities throughout Eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton these businesses provide employment for some 200 full time operators, mechanics and forest workers. The successful, on-the-ground implementation of our certified sustainable forest management program results from the knowledge, skill and dedication of these professionals.

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