

David Aplin Recruiting Requalifies As One Of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies

Calgary, February 16, 2010 – David Aplin Recruiting was a winner of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies program in 2007 and Requalified in 2008 and 2009 to retain their status as a Best Managed Company. This prestigious national award is sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post, and Queen's School of Business.

"We would like to congratulate David Aplin Recruiting and its entire workforce for successfully requalifying as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies. While 2009 was a challenging year for many, Best Managed companies were up to the challenge, and David Aplin Recruiting was no exception. Their requalification in the program is a testament to the strong fundamentals that they adhere to in managing their business strategically, maintaining focus on their core capabilities and their continued commitment to employees," says Brent Agerbak, Director, CIBC Commercial Banking, a national sponsor of the Best Managed program. "David Aplin Recruiting's financial results were in line with their peer group, and their ability to manage their finances through turbulent times was of particular importance this year and thus further supported their requalification."

According to David Aplin Recruiting's Executive Vice President Jeff Aplin, "2009 was a challenging year for our company and our industry. With challenge comes opportunity and we took the opportunity to improve our organization and now we are more competitive than ever before. Our exceptional staff are why we improved over the course of 2009 - thank you to our entire team! While there is still hard work to be done by all of us, our track record of success and reputation in the Canadian marketplace allows us to be very optimistic about 2010 and beyond."

Established in 1993, the Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies is a national awards program, recognizing Canadian companies that have implemented world-class business practices and created value in innovative ways. Applications are reviewed by an independent judging panel that evaluates how companies address various business challenges, including new technologies, globalization, brand management, leadership, leveraging and developing core competencies, designing information systems, and hiring the right talent to facilitate growth.

David Aplin Recruiting is a true Canadian success story. Founded in 1975, David Aplin Recruiting is a Canadian-owned national full-service search firm whose major areas of recruiting include Accounting and Finance, Engineering and Technical, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legal, Sales and Marketing, Supply Chain Management and Office Personnel. They have offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Mississauga, Ottawa and Halifax, St. John's, plus affiliates in Montréal and the U.S. To learn more, visit www.aplin.com.

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About Canada's 50 Best Managed program:

Established in 1993, Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies is the country's leading business awards program, recognizing excellence in Canadian-owned and -managed companies with revenues over \$10 million. Every year, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies compete for this designation in a rigorous and independent process that evaluates the calibre of their management abilities and practices. The awards are granted on three levels: **Best Managed winner** (one of the 50 new winners selected each year), **Requalified member** (repeat winners retain the Best Managed designation for two additional years, subject to annual operational and financial review), and **Platinum Club member** (winners that maintain Best Managed status for a minimum of six consecutive years). The program sponsors are Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post, and Queen's School of Business. For further information, visit www.canadas50best.com.