

Walker Seeds Ltd Named One of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies for 2008

***Walker Seeds – quietly perfecting product and service while expanding
for more than 25 years – achieves National honor as
One of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies for 2008***

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Walker Seeds Ltd ("WSL") is pleased to announce that it has been named one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies for 2008. Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies is a national awards program, recognizing Canadian companies that have implemented sound business practices and created value in innovative ways.

Commitment to product quality and customer relationships allowed Walker Seeds Ltd to stand out from over 500 applicants to receive the designation as one of **Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies for 2008**.

"We would like to congratulate Walker Seeds Ltd and its entire workforce. This designation exemplifies consistency, commitment and the ability to be flexible in a changing market place. These qualities are what make Walker Seeds Ltd such a great entrepreneurial business success story. We are delighted to celebrate the accomplishments of such a strong team" said Randy Jeworski, Saskatchewan Regional Coordinator of the program with Deloitte, a national sponsor of the Best Managed Program.

This prestigious national award program is sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC Commercial Banking, National Post and Queen's School of Business.

Anthony Kulbacki, Walker Seeds Ltd's CFO, commended WSL personnel. "This award and the achievements of the company are the result of a united effort by everyone in our organization. We have assembled a dynamic, multinational group of employees at WSL with the experience, creativity and competitiveness that will allow us to achieve our growth plans. We know our success is not an entitlement. We worked hard for it, and we will continue to work hard for it in the future."

"It takes a company focused on values, a strong business plan, and most of all hard work, to succeed in today's market place" said Calvin Younger, Senior Vice-President, CIBC Commercial Banking. "Companies winning this year's Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies exemplify these traits".

"In our industry, being on par in terms of price and quality only gets you into the game," said Dave Walker, President, Walker Seeds Ltd. "Service and execution wins the game and we keep this as a priority. By providing dependable market intelligence and exceeding expectations for service and quality for over 25 years, we have positioned this Company as an indispensable link in the supply chain connecting our producers of specialty crops to international markets".

Recognized also as one of Saskatchewan's Top 100 Companies, Walker Seeds Ltd supports local community development and charitable projects and has been a committed contributor to global humanitarian assistance activities facilitating the collection and distribution of grain to people facing hunger from poverty, conflict and natural disasters in addition to its commercial endeavors.

About Walker Seeds Ltd (www.walkerseeds.ca)

Walker Seeds Ltd ("WSL") is a leading Canadian processor, distributor and exporter of pulses and specialty crops. Founded in 1982, WSL has established a global reputation for quality and service supplying functional and nutritious products including lentils, peas, chickpeas, beans and canary seed from its four processing facilities in Saskatchewan and through an established network of suppliers in North America and Asia.

About Canada's Best Managed Companies

For 16 years now, Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies continues to be the mark of excellence for Canadian-owned and managed companies with revenues over \$10 million. Every year since the launch of the program in 1993, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies have competed for this designation in a rigorous and independent process that evaluates their management skills and practices.

The awards are granted on three levels: 1) Best Managed winner (one of the 50 new winners selected each year); 2) Re-qualified member (repeat winners retain the Best Managed designation for two additional years, subject to annual operational and financial review); 3) Platinum Club member (winners that maintain Best Managed status for a minimum of six consecutive years).

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