

FEX MANITOBA ANNOUNCES BARKMAN CONCRETE LTD. AS 2019 FAMILY ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Winnipeg, MB March 20, 2019 – The Family Enterprise Xchange (FEX) is proud to announce Barkman Concrete Ltd. as the 2019 FEX Manitoba Family Enterprise of the Year Award Recipient.

The Family Enterprise of the Year Award (FEYA) recognizes significant achievements made by a Manitoba Family Enterprise. The Award enables us to publicly celebrate the successes of family businesses - ones that can inspire others. These stories showcase family businesses that demonstrate many layers of success through drive, dedication, and commitment to employees and the community at large.

Barkman Concrete Ltd.: For 71 years, Barkman Concrete Ltd., a family-owned company, has developed a name as an innovator and leader in precast concrete manufacturing. Founded in Steinbach, Manitoba by three brothers, Arnold, Edwin, and Peter Barkman, Barkman now employs more than 250 people across Western Canada. Since 1948, Barkman has manufactured precast concrete products for residential and commercial installations and are regularly shipped throughout Canada, the US and other areas worldwide. Products can be found as far away as Guantanamo Bay, Norway, the Caribbean, and even Madagascar. The latest advancement to the Barkman brand came in 2015 when Barkman took large steps forward in concrete innovation and capacity with its new state-of-the-art Hess paver plant. Barkman has been committed to the same family values as they had when they started, valuing integrity, quality, loyalty and innovation in all they do.

"Family business is vitally important to our economy in Manitoba." **says Bob Spriggs of Vector Construction, Chair of FEX Manitoba.** "We don't take the time to celebrate business family achievements enough, even though they make up the fabric of Canada. There are many awards for industries, performance, and the list continues. We are so pleased to be able to celebrate, with our community, the business success with this year's Manitoba Family Enterprise of the Year Award finalists. FEYA highlights families who have shown dedication to our community. Congratulations to **Barkman Concrete Ltd** for being exemplary in your commitment and dedication to our community."

Barkman Concrete Ltd. is eligible for the national Family Enterprise of the Year Award, presented by FEX later this year.

FAMILY ENTERPRISE XCHANGE

The Family Enterprise Xchange (FEX) is an independent association of business families and family enterprise professional advisors, consisting of over 1500 members from across Canada. The supportive community provides shared wisdom, world-class expertise, and education to address the realities and opportunities unique to family enterprise.

FEX provides a safe harbour community for members to share insights and experiences, as well as giving business families and advisors a voice that will be heard in the most influential political and economic circles in Canada. The organization is dedicated to ensuring that they'll receive a unique blend of shared wisdom as well as experience, and the world's best, leading-edge thinking and knowledge.

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