



Press Release

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CANWEL ANNOUNCES MEETING RESULTS FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

VANCOUVER, CANADA – May 16, 2016 – CanWel Building Materials Group Ltd. (“CanWel” or the “Company”) (TSX:CWX) announced that all matters put forward for consideration at its Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders (the Meeting”) received requisite shareholder approval. Results of the voting for the director elections at the Meeting are described below, and additional information regarding the full results of all matters voted on at the Meeting may be found in the Company’s filing on SEDAR.

Board of Directors

All nominees listed in the management proxy circular for the Meeting (the “Meeting circular”) were elected as directors of CanWel. The nine director nominees proposed by management were elected by a show of hands. Detailed results of the votes received by proxy for the election of directors held at the Meeting are set out below:

Nominee	Votes For	% For	Votes Withheld	% Withheld
Amar S. Doman	25,283,105	98.59%	361,753	1.41%
Stephen W. Marshall	25,007,488	97.51%	637,370	2.49%
Marc Séguin	24,950,688	97.29%	694,170	2.71%
Ian M. Baskerville	25,628,083	99.93%	16,775	0.07%
Tom Donaldson	24,953,288	97.30%	691,570	2.70%
Kelvin Dushnisky	25,593,407	99.80%	51,451	0.20%
Sam Fleiser	25,630,007	99.94%	14,851	0.06%
Harry Rosenfeld	24,988,288	97.44%	656,570	2.56%
Siegfried J. Thoma	25,298,722	98.65%	346,136	1.35%

The sum of individual percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

About CanWel

Founded in 1989, CanWel is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia and trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CWX and is Canada’s only fully integrated national distributor in the building materials and related products sector. CanWel operates multiple treating plant and planning facilities in Canada and the United States, and operates distribution centres coast to coast in all major cities and strategic locations across Canada and near San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. CanWel distributes a wide range of building materials, lumber and renovation products. In addition, through its Jemi Fibre division, CanWel operates a vertically-integrated forest products company based in Western Canada, operating from British Columbia to Saskatchewan, also servicing the US Pacific Northwest. CanWel owns approximately 136,000 acres of private timberlands, strategic Crown licenses and tenures, log harvesting and trucking

operations, several post and pole peeling facilities, two pressure-treated specialty wood production plants, and one specialty saw mill.

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These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. CanWel does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to update or revise any forward looking information, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.