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Britco Structures Wins BC Manufacturing Exporter of the Year

At the BC Export Awards (www.bcexportawards.com) held in Vancouver last Friday, Britco Structures was selected as British Columbia's top exporter in the manufactured products category. The awards recognize companies that have made an outstanding contribution to the BC economy through the export of products or services.

Britco Managing Partner, Rick McClymont, said "At Britco we strive to meet the highest standards of quality in the products we manufacture and export to markets around the world. This award is really the result of the hard work and effort of our 250 employees and for the commitment to excellence they demonstrate every day."

Britco won the award by landing two major international contracts, a workforce housing complex for a 600 person gold mining project in Russia and a contract to provide panelized homes for the Tsunami-affected areas of Indonesia.

The Russian mine is located in an extremely remote Arctic site where temperatures can reach as low as minus 65°C with 100 km/hour winds in the winter and up to 35°C in the summer. Since the housing complex can be completely isolated by weather for up to three weeks at a time, fail-safe and back-up systems had to be designed into the project. The modules were manufactured to endure the rigors of multiple stages of handling and transport, including trucking 200 kilometers over an ice road before final assembly.

In Indonesia, Britco has been retained by international aid organization Save the Children to build 300 homes in the first phase of an innovative project that will eventually see up to 3,000 Britco built homes shipped to tsunami-affected areas in Indonesia. One of the major benefits of the Indonesia project is that local workers will be trained by instructors from BCIT's School of Construction and Environment, and employed for the on-site construction of the homes.

Said McClymont, "From designing and building structures suitable for both the Arctic and the tropics, our projects in Russia and Indonesia highlight Britco's ability to meet the needs of customers in extremely diverse and challenging markets."

Britco employs over 250 people with two manufacturing facilities, a 92,000 sf factory in Agassiz and a 40,000 sq factory in Penticton. The company operates three branch offices in B.C. located in Nanaimo, Kelowna, and Kamloops, and one in Edmonton, Alberta. Britco also has offices in Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon to serve the US Market.

Britco Structures specializes in the design and manufacture of commercial, institutional, and residential buildings, including workforce housing, single-family homes, condominiums, apartment complexes and hotels/motels/resorts, as well as offices, schools, daycares and a wide range of custom-design buildings for business and industry.

The BC Export Awards are co-hosted by the Ministry of Economic Development and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association, and recognize the innovative and unique contributions of BC companies from all regions of the province, and their ability to generate new business opportunities and raise awareness of BC products internationally.

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