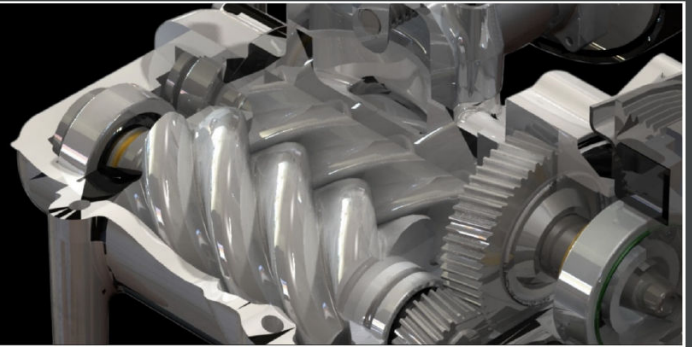




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Award-Winning Island Manufacturer Recognized as a Best Workplace in Canada
VMAC is Only Vancouver Island Business on Influential List

Nanaimo, B.C., April 14, 2009 - VMAC, one of Vancouver Island's most successful and award-winning manufacturing businesses, has been awarded a prestigious position on Great Places to Work Institute Canada's annual Best Workplaces in Canada list. The list published April 6, 2009 in the Globe and Mail shows that VMAC is the only Vancouver Island business, and one of only 12 British Columbia businesses to make the list of the 75 best workplaces.

The Best Workplaces in Canada list showcases businesses that scored highest according to employee surveys and human resources practices. Jose Tolovi Neto, director of the Great Places to Work Institute Canada, says the competition for placement on their list uses trust as a key indicator. "This includes the workplace's credibility, fairness, camaraderie, sense of pride and level of respect...the bar for workplace quality has been rising. Being "good" is no longer enough."

Organizations on the 2009 list came from a variety of industries, ranging in size from 54 to 55,000 employees, and are located all across Canada. Over 29,800 Canadian employees were surveyed to determine the finalists for the 75 Best Workplaces in Canada.

VMAC employees experience fairness and respect through the company's policy of inclusiveness and employee involvement. "VMAC is very open about information sharing - from business decisions to finances - transparency is one of our

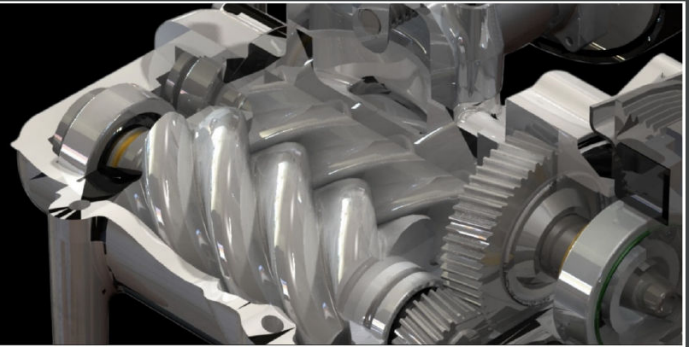


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greatest strengths. I've never worked with a company before that is so open with their information," said Malcolm Hargrave, Chief Financial Officer. "We post metrics daily so all co-workers can quickly see a snapshot of the company's performance. A bi-weekly report is also included with pay cheques. When big changes affect the company we call an all-employee meeting so everyone is informed and has input. There are no big surprises at VMAC." Hargrave outlined other company initiatives such as a Climate Committee, appointed by co-workers, which submits requests and suggestions for improvement. This has resulted in numerous educational sessions for co-workers as well as a number of other unique benefits and continuous improvements. "All co-workers are involved in improving the company. We are really open to new ideas and always strive to stay ahead in the industry."

"Everyone who works at VMAC is very attentive to detail and involved in building and improving the company, not just our products. When the team is focused on making the workplace better we all have control over our future and the future of the company, resulting in a real sense of pride. And that increases trust and satisfaction at work," said Tony Menard, President and Owner of VMAC.

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