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**L.B.H. TIMBER MART RECOGNIZED FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

***TIM-BR MART Member, Doug Lemieux Wins 2015 Hardlines Outstanding Retailer Award for 'Marc Robichaud Community Leader'***

VAUGHAN, ON, October 29, 2015 – TIM-BR MART Group (TIM-BR MART) member location, L.B.H. TIMBER MART (also L.B.H. Building Centre) in St. Albert, Alta. wins the 2015 Hardlines Outstanding Retailer Award (ORA) for *Marc Robichaud Community Leader*. Nominated by TIM-BR MART, owner, Doug Lemieux was recognized for over 21 years of community service supporting national charities, local food banks, and minor sports teams. L.B.H. TIMBER MART was honoured with the ORA during the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary annual Hardlines Conference on October 21, 2015.

“We were honored to have been nominated for the Marc Robichaud Community Leader Award, but to actually win the award is surreal,” says Doug Lemieux, owner of L.B.H. and Onoway TIMBER MARTs. “This is definitely a team win for our two companies, L.B.H. Building Centre and Onoway TIMBER MART.”

“L.B.H. TIMBER MART is always looking for an opportunity to give back to the community in ways that are proactive and meaningful,” says Michael McLarney, president and editor of Hardlines Inc. “Doug Lemieux's own challenges only seem to inspire his team to do more, rather than hold them back. This dealer's story likewise inspired the judges, making L.B.H. TIMBER MART the perfect choice for this year's Marc Robichaud Community Leader Award.”

“While running a very successful business, Doug Lemieux has shown steadfast commitment to the well-being of his community and towards a multitude of local and national causes,” says Bernie Owens, president of the TIM-BR MART Group. “We are extremely proud of Doug and wish him and his team a sincere congratulations.”

L.B.H. TIMBER MART was founded in 1973 by Doug Lemieux's father and uncles. Throughout the 21 years Doug has owned the business, the store has increased in square footage and revenue while maintaining a strong presence in the St. Albert community. Despite Doug's illness (i.e. Parkinson's disease), he has continued to operate a very profitable business with sales that have increased year over year and very low employee turnover. L.B.H. TIMBER MART regularly supports national causes like Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, cancer and the Ronald McDonald House, as well as local sports teams and food banks.

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**About TIM-BR MART Group**

In operation since 1967, the TIM-BR MART Group is Canada's buying group of choice for independents. It is a member-owned organization serving building material and hardware retailers, commercial dealers and manufacturers. TIM-BR MART Group exists to help Canadian entrepreneurs involved in the sale of building materials and hardware be more profitable. For more information, visit [www.timbermart.ca](http://www.timbermart.ca).

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