



UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL FEBRUARY 16, 2019 AT 2 P.M. EST

Contact:

Alexandra Kazan, Corporate Communications Manager

Direct: 289-843-3050

Mobile: 416-577-5811

Email: alexandra.kazan@timbrmart.com

TIMBER MART HOSTS NINTH ANNUAL NATIONAL BUYING SHOW
Show Launches New Services and Support For Members

TORONTO, February 16, 2019 – With over 1,000 dealers and vendors in attendance, TIMBER MART hosted its ninth annual national buying show from February 15-16 at the Toronto Congress Centre. The show served as a launching pad for a number of exciting developments from the buying group, including: member-exclusive pool buys, educational sessions on new TIMBER MART programs, as well as the Timberkids' Scholarship Fund program.

"Our show this year is bringing great value to our membership through many different channels," said Bernie Owens, president & CEO of TIMBER MART. "From the member-exclusive buying opportunities, to the educational sessions on new programs and services we're launching, this show will return more value to our members than ever."

Over 200 vendor booths filled the 80,000-square-foot show floor which featured a wide range of show displays and attractions, including Orgill's new plumbing and electrical assortments, as well as TIMBER MART's *Store on the Floor* which featured merchandised displays of more than 2,000 SKUs of building materials and hardlines products. At the centre of the floor, the TIMBER MART area encompassed hubs for all of TIMBER MART's services and programs, including: TIMBER MART's charitable foundation, Timberkids, LBM solutions, TIMBER MART Essentials, dealer marketing, merchandising and banner support.

On Thursday, February 14, TIMBER MART hosted a national dealer meeting, where members were not only kept abreast of the group's activities but also where a new Timberkids Scholarship Fund program was launched. Shortly thereafter, the group hosted educational sessions on TIMBER MART's new marketing programs and lastly, a welcome reception at 6 p.m.

TIMBER MART's annual dinner and awards ceremony was held the following day on February 15 where multiple dealers and vendors were recognized by the buying group. The event also featured an appearance by Canadian Football League (CFL) Commissioner, Randy Ambrosie and the coveted Grey Cup which was displayed both, on the show floor and at the dinner and awards ceremony.



About TIMBER MART

Founded in 1967, TIMBER MART is the largest national member-owned buying group in Canada for the true independent entrepreneur. With hundreds of independent building-material and hardware retailers, commercial dealers and manufacturers located in every province across the country, TIMBER MART provides its extensive dealer network with a menu of competitive buying programs, comprehensive marketing services and personalized support to drive independent-business success. For more information, visit www.timbermart.ca and www.timbermartmember.ca.

-###-