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Robert Meggy

PRESIDENT AND CEO, GREAT LITTLE BOX COMPANY LTD.

In the nearly 30 years since Bob Meggy bought the assets of a bankrupt box maker that would become his Great Little Box company, he's gained more stature within the business community as an employer than manufacturer. His company's reputation as a great place to work is well deserved, the product of one of his core values: "People are our biggest asset," he says. "We try to treat people very well, so they want to grow with the company." And it certainly has grown, acquiring seven companies in six years. — David Godsall

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Muhammad Amir

PRESIDENT, SPF PRECUT LUMBER

Muhammed Amir came to B.C. from Pakistan by way of Dubai, not knowing the first thing about the lumber industry. Jobless, he recalls thinking to himself, "it's either real estate or wood." Thanks to his background in the shipping industry, wood proved to be the smart choice. Starting in 1990 with his wife handling the bookkeeping and a leased fax machine, Amir used his knowledge of global trade to spot new niche markets. "We have always looked for opportunities to get into markets where Canadian products have never been sold," he says, describing his strategy. Whatever he's doing, with double-digit revenue growth in each of the last 10 years, it's working. — David Godsall

