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Fort St. John accounting firms team up to form local office of Meyers Norris Penny LLP

Fort St. John, B.C. – Apr. 4, 2006 – Meyers Norris Penny LLP (MNP), the only Top 10 national chartered accountancy and business advisory firm based in Western Canada, is expanding to Fort St. John, B.C. with the merger of Toews Laythorpe and Associates and Gavin Still Inc. The merger will become effective June 1, 2006, when the two firms will operate under the name Meyers Norris Penny LLP.

Trina Toews, CA, a team member with the newly merged firm, said the merger will enable clients in Fort St. John to access a wider range of professional services in their community, while receiving the personal service they have come to expect.

“MNP has 47 offices across Western Canada, and a team of more than 1,400 professionals with expertise in traditional accounting as well as business advisory services, tax planning, agriculture management, forestry and Aboriginal services. This diverse experience will be invaluable in helping our clients achieve their business and personal goals.”

Gavin Still, CGA, also a team member with the new MNP office, added that the firm’s local presence will be a major asset to clients. “Being based in Fort St. John means our clients benefit from a team that understands their local markets and their community.”

MNP’s Western Canadian roots are another key strength of the merger. According to MNP CEO Daryl Ritchie, FCA, “We all believe in getting to know our clients personally to understand their unique needs and provide sound, straightforward business advice that helps them realize their goals. This merger will greatly expand the range of professional business services available to the Fort St. John region.”

About MNP

Meyers Norris Penny lives in the West and believes in its potential. We provide our mid-market clients clear, straightforward business advice with a local perspective. For more information, visit www.mnp.ca.

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