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AMHERST - An Amherst firm has been named one of Canada's best managed companies.

This is the third year that PolyCello has made the list that recognizes Canadian companies that have implemented world-class business practices and created value in innovative ways while building their business and taking care of their employees.

"This award is a testament to the great work and care our employees put into their work every day at PolyCello," president and CEO Stephen Emmerson said. "They are experts in our industry and ensure we meet the wants and needs of our customers, year after year."

PolyCello's packaging can be found in almost every household in North America, showcasing frozen foods, pet food, towel and tissue products and more. Over the last several years the company has focused on developing more environmentally-conscious products, including recyclable, compostable and biodegradable packaging while operating one of the most sustainable manufacturing facilities in North America.

"Each year this competition gets tougher and tougher. We take pride in our requalification, which is a direct reflection of how well our

team works together," Emmerson said. John Hughes of Deloitte said today's marketplace is not just about the investment in the product, but investment in people.

"PolyCello invests in their team to build up a strong and stable company. Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies carries this attitude and we are pleased to say PolyCello is one of this year's recipients," Hughes said.

PolyCello employs 350 people in Amherst and in Belleville, Ont.

It's recognized as an industry leader as a manufacturer and printer of high-quality flexible packaging.