

**PRT Expands Executive Leadership Team with Two New Hires**

*Company Appoints New Chief Commercial Officer and Chief People Officer*



**Victoria, British Columbia (January 12, 2023)** – PRT Growing Services Ltd., North America’s premier producer of container-grown forest seedlings, announced today two strategic additions to its executive leadership team, with Collin Phillip joining the company as Chief Commercial Officer and Marlene Higgins as Chief People Officer. Both hires bring extensive leadership experience and will help position PRT for its next phase of growth.

“At PRT, we believe people make all the difference, so we are pleased to welcome Collin and Marlene to the team,” said Randy Fournier, CEO, PRT. “They each bring diverse experiences to their roles, and have a shared vision of expanding our critical natural resources, all of which will help drive PRT’s success into the future.”

Phillip previously held positions at Corteva Agriscience and The Monsanto Company, operating in a variety of sales and supply chain management roles. He brings deep industry insight and experience related to scaling businesses for continuous, profitable growth and plans to drive PRT’s commercial offerings to the next level.

“I’m thrilled to be joining PRT, a company that prides itself on being a true partner to its customers and a critical link in the forest sustainability supply chain,” Phillip said. “PRT is already a leader, and trusted by organizations across the forestry industry in Canada and the U.S., but we’re also uniquely positioned for further growth through helping companies navigate both the opportunities and challenges related to their ESG goals.”

Higgins brings a wealth of personal and professional experience to PRT, most recently serving as Senior Vice President, Human Resources for Structurlam. In addition to hailing from a milling family, Higgins’ experience working across multiple industries provides her with a well-rounded approach to developing collaborative partnerships that help companies nurture their people and achieve growth through effective HR strategies.

“The forestry industry runs deep in my family history, so I am thrilled to be joining the PRT team to continue the critical work of growing seedlings that will sustain forests and the world for generations to come,” said Higgins.

PRT grows and provides more than 200 forest seedling products to customers across its 21 facilities in Canada and the U.S., producing over five billion total forest seedlings since its inception.

### **About PRT Growing Services**

The PRT Group, through affiliates PRT Growing Services Ltd. and PRT USA Inc., is a forest seedling propagator and the largest producer of container-grown forest seedlings in North America, currently growing more than 300 million seedlings annually and operating a network of forest seedling nurseries in the U.S. and Canada. For more information, visit [www.prt.com](http://www.prt.com).

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