

News Releases

PFB Corporation Announces Purchase

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PFB Corporation ("PFB") announced today that it has acquired 1,032,834 shares of Hallmark Technologies Inc. ("Hallmark") representing approximately 18.5% of the issued and outstanding shares of Hallmark. Both companies are listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange. The transaction took place on the Toronto Stock Exchange as a "block" trade. PFB owned no shares of Hallmark prior to the transaction so that its total holdings in Hallmark consist of 1,032,834 shares. PFB acquired the shares for investment purposes. While PFB has no intention to make a formal take over bid, it may from time to time make additional exempt purchases in order to increase its holdings to in excess of 20% of the outstanding shares of Hallmark.

PFB Corporation operates plastic foam businesses throughout Canada which manufacture building products for the construction industry and custom moulded products for the automotive and other industries. The Corporation's common shares trade under the symbol PFB on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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