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John A. Brink

Topic: Entrepreneurship and Economic Investment in Northern British Columbia

John A. Brink came to Canada from Holland in 1965 with \$25.47 in his pocket, a suitcase full of books, and a dream to build his own sawmill.

10 years later, through sheer determination and an unwavering dedication to his vision, John developed a detailed business plan in 1975, establishing a value-added manufacturing facility in Northern British Columbia named Brink Forest Products.

Nearly five decades years later, John is still at the helm of Brink Forest Products, which today is the largest secondary wood manufacturing company in Canada and 10th largest forest company in the province of British Columbia, employing in excess of 400 people.

John has a proven track record as a visionary leader in various industry organizations. However, the road hasn't always been easy. It has taken resourcefulness, perseverance, innovation, and boundless determination for Brink to succeed in a tough industry.

In 2019, John received the distinguished Order of BC at Government House in Victoria, as well as an Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree from the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC).

In addition to a successful business acumen, Brink is also a dedicated philanthropist, supporting hundreds of charities and non-profit organizations in the community and

across the globe.



John A. Brink is the author of two books and has succeeded against all odds and, at 82 years old, continues to run the Brink Group of Companies as CEO with the same incomparable passion and drive that he had 56 years ago when he arrived in Prince George.