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CIRI and Business Wire Reaffirms Partnership for Eighth Consecutive Year

TORONTO, Canada – The Canadian Investor Relations Institute (CIRI), Canada's national association representing investor relations professionals, is pleased to announce that Business Wire will continue as National Strategic Partner for the eighth consecutive year. This ongoing partnership demonstrates Business Wire's dedication to supporting the association's efforts in advancing the investor relations profession.

"Business Wire's continued support of CIRI at such a meaningful level underscores their commitment to and respect for the investor relations industry in Canada," said Yvette Lokker, President & CEO, CIRI. "The opportunity to work with a key industry service provider such as Business Wire allows CIRI to continue to advance the practice and credibility of the investor relations profession."

"Business Wire is a strong proponent of investor relations best practices, education efforts and networking opportunities provided by CIRI," said Greg Blazina, Business Wire Regional Manager, Canada. "Now in our tenth year directly serving the Canadian market, Business Wire maintains its steadfast commitment to Canadian investor relations practitioners, regulatory disclosure services and the overall evolution of the investor relations community."

CIRI launched the National Strategic Partner program in 2004. Business Wire came on as a National Strategic Partner in 2011. CIRI offers several levels of sponsorship including National Strategic Partner, Platinum, Gold and Silver. For more information on CIRI sponsorship, click here.

About CIRI

<u>CIRI</u> is a professional, not-for-profit association of executives responsible for communication between public corporations, investors and the financial community. CIRI contributes to the transparency and integrity of the Canadian capital markets by advancing the practice of investor relations, the professional competency of its members and the stature of the profession. With close to 500 members and four Chapters across the country, CIRI is the voice of IR in Canada. For further information, please visit CIRI.org.

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