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STEP Announces Finalists for 2018 STEP Export Award

REGINA - Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP) is pleased to announce five finalists for the 2018 STEP Export Award. The winner of the Award will be unveiled at the STEP Annual General Meeting on October 18, 2018 in Regina.

The Award, sponsored by Export Development Canada (EDC), recognizes STEP members for their achievements and success on the international stage. The 2018 finalists are:

- Ceres Global Ag Corp. - Northgate, Saskatchewan
- Northern Lights Foods - Air Ronge, Saskatchewan
- Radouga Distilleries Inc. - Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan
- The Saskatoon Colostrum Co. Ltd. - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Vendasta Technologies, Inc. - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

President and CEO Chris Dekker noted that one in five jobs in Canada and as many as one in three jobs in Saskatchewan depend on exports.

“The women and men who own or run companies that sell goods and services outside of our borders, like our five finalists, are the backbone of our economy,” Dekker said. “It follows that any award that recognizes excellence in exporting would be among our most important. It acknowledges and celebrates the innovation, the courage, and international business acumen that it takes to play and succeed on the international stage.”

Dekker added that in these turbulent days of fluctuating exchange rates, regional conflict, and growing and irrational protectionism, it is more important than ever to honour and empower businesses that have faced the risk, persevered through danger, and worked tirelessly for their export success.

STEP is a non-profit, membership driven, government/industry partnership, designed to promote the growth of Saskatchewan's export capacity. EDC is Canada's export credit agency offering innovative commercial solutions to help Canadian exporters and investors expand their international business. For more information regarding the STEP 2018 Export Award finalists, their products, services, and capabilities, please visit www.sasktrade.sk.ca.

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