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2015 MERCURIADES: The FCCQ launches the 35th edition of Québec's most prestigious business awards

Montréal, September 22, 2014 – The Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec (FCCQ) is proud to announce the launch of the 2015 Mercuriades Awards. This prestigious annual competition recognizes excellence and expertise in the Québec business community.

Businesses of all sizes have until December 19, 2014, to submit a nomination package in one of the following categories:

- Productivity Improvement – Business Development Bank of Canada
- Contribution to Economic and Regional Development
- Sustainable Development
- Entrepreneurship – Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton
- Export and International Market Development (SMBs only)
- Vocational and Technical Training
- Proactive Workforce Management
- Innovation – Investissement Québec
- Germaine Gibara Leadership Award (open to businesswomen)
- Workplace Health and Safety
- Business Transfer (SMBs only)

Three other honours will be presented, namely the Mérite Maurice Pollack, Mérite du français and Mérite Entrepreneurship Promotion awards, the nominations for which will be reviewed by external panels.

The winners in each of the categories will automatically be shortlisted for the top award of Business of the Year. Last year's recipients were Jalbert Automatisation (SMB) and Telus Québec (large business).

“For the past 35 years, the Mercuriades Awards have celebrated the success, vision and determination of our business leaders, who are an inspiration for the next generation of entrepreneurs and Québec's entire economic community,” said FCCQ CEO Françoise Bertrand.

The names of the winning companies will be unveiled at a gala evening on April 16, 2015, at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. The honorary chair of the event will be Martin Thibodeau, Regional President, Québec, RBC Royal Bank.

“This represents a great opportunity for businesses to take stock of their achievements—a necessary step in preparing their nomination package—and to develop and explore

numerous opportunities. Québec is growing and prospering because of the significant contributions made by these forward-thinking companies,” Mr. Thibodeau stated.

Those interested in obtaining further information about the process can visit www.mercuriades.com or call 514-844-9571 or 1-800-361-5019 (toll-free).

About the Mercuriades Awards

Created by the FCCQ in 1981, the Mercuriades Awards celebrate entrepreneurship, success stories and the spirit of achievement within our business community. The competition has evolved over the years to adapt to the economic realities in Québec, with adjustments to the award categories in line with the changing contexts that businesses must face to continue to operate and grow. For this 35th edition, the FCCQ is proud to team up with such prestigious sponsors as RBC Royal Bank, BDO, Clientis Business Development, ESG UQAM, Cogeco Diffusion, ICI RDI and La Presse +.

About the FCCQ

With its extensive network of more than 140 chambers of commerce and 1,100 corporate members, the Federation des chambres de commerce du Québec represents over 60,000 businesses and 150,000 businesspeople involved in all sectors of the economy throughout Québec. As the province’s premier business network, the FCCQ serves as both a federation and a provincial chamber of commerce. Its members share a common goal: to foster an innovative, competitive business environment.

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