

## CANADIAN SCIENCE TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT BIO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

**Chicago, IL [April 23, 2013]** – BIOTECanada, the national association for biotechnology in Canada, joined by Federal Minister of Industry, the Honourable Christian Paradis is leading a 500 person strong Canadian delegation to Chicago for the BIO International Convention. Gatherings such as this offer a comprehensive reminder to governments on the extent and nature of the global competition Canadian companies are facing as they seek to grow their operations and commercialize vital technologies.

“As global economies seek new avenues of growth and prosperity, Canada finds itself on the leaderboard of biotechnology innovation capacity,” commented Andrew Casey President and CEO BIOTECanada. “Having representatives from all three levels of government highlights the importance of our industry to the Canadian economy. All regions of Canada are realizing the benefits of this growth.”

Companies are driving economic value through the full development and commercialization cycle for the products they have in the market or are developing for the global market. The complexity and extensive regulation of biotechnology products extends the development lifecycle. Combined with the private investment most of our companies are created with, the industry provides direct receptor capacity for innovation/research emanating from publicly funded primary research in Canadian academic and research institutions and agency’s.

From improved resource management to streamlined manufacturing technologies, from new medicines to healthier foods, from renewable energy sources to cleaner chemical production, biotechnology is driving innovation within all elements of the Canadian economy. We are now at a point where biotechnology is an essential component that will facilitate the reinvention of numerous industries, ensuring Canada’s long-term competitiveness while creating employment opportunities for our best and brightest. This new reality offers a distribution of economic opportunities that extends across the country.

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