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CCAB recognizes Pimee Well Servicing with the 2019 Aboriginal Economic Development Corporation of the Year Award

Toronto, ON – March 18, 2019 – The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) and Sodexo Canada today named Pimee Well Services LP as the recipient of the 2019 Aboriginal Economic Development Corporation of the Year Award.

The award presentation will take place on May 9, 2019, at CCAB's Annual Calgary Gala at the Westin Calgary.

"We are the Natural Stewards of our resources. Pimee Well Servicing was founded 35 years ago, but we have been here for 10,000 and will be here for 10,000 more."

– **Clayton Byrt, CEO, Pimee Well Servicing LP**

A leader in oil and gas industry well services, the company was established in 1984 and is co-owned by the Heart Lake First Nation, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Whitefish (GoodFish) Lake First Nation, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, Kehewin Cree Nation and Frog Lake First Nation.

Pimee Well Servicing represents Indigenous entrepreneurship at its best. The company was founded by the Shareholder Chiefs with the express purpose of creating jobs for their people and giving back to their communities.

The company has consistently achieved those foundational goals. Today, 97 per cent of the company's 138 full-time employees are Indigenous. Pimee Well Servicing also pays regular dividends to the shareholder First Nations that are used to fund youth and elder programs and support local recreation and sports organizations. These dividends also support community investments in daycare and other "Public Good" projects and programs.

The company credits its strong track record of growth and profitability to its ability to attract and keep highly motivated employees. To support its flourishing workforce, Pimee Well Servicing provides comprehensive training and mentorship programs.

"CCAB is proud to celebrate the inspiring success of Pimee Well Servicing LP. The Shareholder Chiefs along with their communities have achieved long-term success for their six First Nations. The partnership amongst the communities depicts one of collaboration, vision and shared prosperity in its 35 years of servicing Northern Alberta. We are simply thrilled to award them with the AEDC award for 2019."

- **JP Gladu, President and CEO, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business**

Sodexo Canada is the founding and exclusive sponsor for the Aboriginal Economic Development Corporation of the Year Award.

“We congratulate Pimee Well Servicing LP and the six First Nations that make up this dynamic partnership. For over three decades, they have expanded the scope of their expertise and services. And throughout their collaboration, they have elevated their communities, their elders and their youth. We are excited to see their continued prosperity for generations to come.”

– **Erwin Joosten, Senior Vice President Engineering & Construction Projects, Sodexo**

About CCAB

CCAB is committed to the full participation of Indigenous peoples in Canada’s economy. A national, non-partisan association, CCAB offers knowledge, resources and programs to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal owned companies that foster economic opportunities for Indigenous peoples and businesses across Canada.

Sodexo in Canada

Sodexo has been delivering On-Site Services in Canada for over 40 years. Recognized as a strategic partner, Sodexo Canada is dedicated to providing Quality of Life Services for clients, their employees and visitors in the corporate, education, healthcare and energy and resources segments. These Quality of Life Services create healthy, safe, and efficient environments allowing individuals and organizations to grow and succeed. Delivering food and facilities management services for over 185 clients, Sodexo is a market leader in Canada in terms of revenue and consumers served and has been recognized as a top employer for the past six consecutive years. Sodexo Canada is proud to have created the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation, an independent charitable organization that has raised over \$3 million to fight hunger and donated more than 1 million meals to at-risk youth across Canada since 2007.

For more information on the award, visit <https://www.ccab.com/awards/>

For more information on the Calgary Gala, visit www.ccab.com/2019-annual-calgary-gala/

For more information on Pimee Well Servicing LP, visit <https://pimee.com/>

For more information on Sodexo, visit <https://ca.sodexo.com/home.html>

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