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2013 Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame Inductees Hail from Kamloops & Buffalo Point

Toronto, ON – November 23, 2012 –The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business and ESS Support Services Worldwide (a member of Compass Group Canada), are pleased to announce the 2013 inductees into the Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame (ABHF): C.T. (Manny) Jules, Tk'emlúps Indian Band, British Columbia, and Jim Thunder, Buffalo Point First Nation.

Mr. Jules has dedicated his life to the betterment of First Nations. His long and successful career as an elected leader of the Kamloops Indian Band in British Columbia is well known. Mr. Jules retired as Chief in December of 2000 to devote his full attention to leading the drive to establish First Nations fiscal institutions. Currently, he is the Chief Commissioner and CEO of the First Nations Tax Commission.

Mr. Thunder held the role of hereditary Chief of Buffalo Point First Nation from 1967 to 1997. Under his leadership, Jim drove the implementation of a long-term economic development plan for his community.

Aboriginal business leaders inducted into the ABHF are recognized for their accomplishments in achieving sustainable economic development in Aboriginal communities.

The CCAB would like to recognize and thank ESS, the founding and exclusive sponsor for the Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame. Compass Group Canada and ESS Support Services Worldwide is the country's leading foodservice and support services company. According to Erin Meehan, President of ESS, "Recognition of the incredible foresight, business acumen, and leadership in the Aboriginal community has highlighted enviable role models who have led and inspired greater business activity and entrepreneurial ventures in Aboriginal communities."

The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business' Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame Award will be presented at the Fifteenth Annual Toronto Gala on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

About the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB):

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

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