



VERTEX NAMED GOLD STANDARD WINNER OF CANADA'S BEST MANAGED COMPANIES.

Sherwood Park, Alberta – March 10, 2015 – Vertex Resource Group Ltd. (“Vertex”) is pleased to announce that we have been named a Gold Standard Winner of Canada’s Best Managed Companies in 2014 for excellence in business performance. Sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC, *National Post*, Queen’s School of Business and MacKay CEO Forums, the Best Managed award recognizes Canadian owned and managed companies with revenues over \$10 million for sustained growth, financial performance, management practices and the efforts of the entire organization. Gold standard winners have maintained their Canada’s Best Managed Companies designation for four consecutive years.

“Today’s market place is not just about financial performance; it is also about the investment in the people. Vertex invests in their team to build up a strong and stable company. Best Managed companies are home grown companies making smart investments to achieve above average returns,” says Peter Brown, National Co-Leader of Canada’s Best Managed Companies Program and Senior Practice Partner, Deloitte.

Terry Stephenson, President of Vertex stated: “It was a huge honour to be among the winners of Canada’s Best Managed Companies when we first won in 2011, and then to maintain this standard in 2012 and 2013 was a great accomplishment. Now as a Gold Standard winner in 2014, we are truly thrilled about this achievement. This award exemplifies the innovation, dedication and hard work of the Vertex employees as they develop versatile solutions to our clients’ unique needs.”

“CIBC congratulates the 2014 Canada’s Best Managed Companies winners for this remarkable achievement, which is a reflection of strong leadership, sound business planning and sustained growth,” said Jon Hountalas, Executive Vice-President, Business Banking, CIBC. “We’re proud to recognize their contributions to the Canadian marketplace.”

Established in 1993, Canada’s Best Managed Companies is one of the country’s leading business awards programs that recognizes Canadian companies that have implemented world-class business practices and created value in innovative ways. Applicants are evaluated by an independent judging panel on how they address various business challenges, including new technologies, globalization, brand management, leadership, leveraging and developing core competencies, designing information systems, and hiring the right talent to facilitate growth.

About Vertex

Since 1976, Vertex has been a leading North American provider of consulting, construction, and rental services. We service clients in the oil and gas, mining, utilities, infrastructure and real estate sectors.