



VERTEX REQUALIFIES AS A GOLD STANDARD MEMBER OF CANADA'S BEST MANAGED COMPANIES.

Sherwood Park, Alberta – March 9, 2016 – Vertex Resource Group Ltd. (“Vertex”) is pleased to announce that we have been named one of Canada’s Best Managed Companies in 2015 for excellence in business performance. The Best Managed program recognizes Canadian-owned and managed companies with revenues over \$10 million demonstrating strategy, capability and commitment to achieve sustainable growth. Vertex was a winner of Canada’s Best Managed Companies program in 2011 and has requalified every year since to requalify as a Best Managed Gold company in 2015.

“Best Managed companies embrace innovation, seize opportunities and inspire talent. They really set the bar high,” said Peter Brown, Partner, Deloitte and Co-Leader, Canada’s Best Managed Companies program.

“In this turbulent operating environment, it takes more than a strong leadership team to be one of Canada’s Best Managed Companies. It takes a dedicated effort from an entire team to focus on creating value for clients in an innovative, resourceful and financially sound manner to achieve this level of success,” said Terry Stephenson, President of Vertex.

Established in 1993, Canada’s Best Managed Companies is one of the country’s leading business awards programs recognizing Canadian-owned and managed companies that have implemented world-class business practices and created value in innovative ways. Applicants are evaluated by an independent judging panel on overall business performance, including leadership, strategy, core competencies, cross-functional collaboration throughout organization, and talent.

Terry Stephenson stated: “We are truly honored to continue to be considered among the Best Managed Companies in Canada. Requalifying as a Gold Standard winner is a huge accomplishment as this award exemplifies the continued dedication and expertise of the Vertex team as we continue to develop versatile solutions to our client’s needs.”

“CIBC celebrates the 2015 winners of Canada’s Best Managed Companies, who have each demonstrated the highest levels of business excellence,” said Jon Hountalas, Executive Vice-President, Business and Corporate Banking, CIBC. “This year’s winners reinforce the significant impact that private companies make here in Canada by pursuing innovation and investing in meeting the needs of their clients.”

The Best Managed program is sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC, *National Post*, Smith School of Business and MacKay CEO Forums.

About Vertex

Established in 1976, Vertex is a leading North American provider of environmental and industrial services. We service clients in the oil and gas, midstream, utilities, mining, forestry, agriculture, and the municipal real estate sector with three operating divisions: consulting, construction and oilfield services.