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VERSATILITY AND EXPERTISE

VERTEX IS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE AS ONE OF CANADA'S BEST MANAGED COMPANIES

Sherwood Park, Alberta – March 9, 2017 – Vertex Resource Group Ltd. (“Vertex”) was honoured with the prestigious Canada’s Best Managed Companies designation. Originally received in 2011, Vertex obtained Gold Standard Status in 2015 and has maintained this status to requalify as a Gold Standard Winner in each subsequent year. The 2017 Best Managed program recognizes the best-in-class of Canadian-owned and managed companies with revenues over \$15 million demonstrating strategy, capability and commitment to achieve sustainable growth.

“Best Managed companies deserve recognition for their entrepreneurial approach to excelling in an uncertain economic climate. They truly bring out the best in Canadian business leadership,” said Peter Brown, Partner, Deloitte and Co-Leader, Canada’s Best Managed Companies program.

“Successfully navigating within uncertain economic conditions requires an entire team dedicated to exceeding client expectations in a resourceful and financially sound manner. This involves seeking out and utilizing new industry leading technology that will enable us to continue to develop versatile and efficient solutions to our clients’ needs. Being named one of Canada’s Best Managed Companies is an honour that exemplifies the hard work and dedication of the Vertex team,” said Terry Stephenson, President, 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 for innovative, world-class business practices. Winners are an important engine of economic growth for being adaptable and sustainable in a global market. Applicants are evaluated by an independent judging panel made up of judges from Deloitte, CIBC, *Canadian Business*, Smith School of Business and MacKay CEO Forums. Best Managed companies share commonalities that include an emphasis on culture and people, innovation, sustained performance and strong financial results.

“CIBC proudly congratulates the 2017 winners of Canada’s Best Managed Companies, who exemplify business excellence and success,” says Jon Hountalas, Executive Vice President, Business and Corporate Banking, CIBC. “This year’s winners reinforce the significant impact that privately owned Canadian companies are making by pursuing innovation and maintaining a sharp focus on their clients.”

About Vertex

Established in 1976, Vertex is a leading North American provider of environmental and industrial services. With over 40 years of expertise, Vertex helps clients achieve their development goals through our versatile suite of services. From the initial site selection, consultation and regulatory approval, through the construction, operation and maintenance phases, to conclusion and environmental cleanup, Vertex offers a diverse range of services throughout the life cycle of our clients’ projects.

Vertex serves clients in the oil and gas, oilsands, petrochemical, renewable energy, utilities, agriculture, forestry, drilling, midstream, mining, aggregate and municipal sectors.