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2014 Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame Inductee Announced

Toronto, ON – November 18, 2013—The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) and ESS Support Services Worldwide (a member of Compass Group Canada), are pleased to announce the 2014 inductee into the Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame (ABHF): William MacLeod, Cree Nation of Mistissini, Quebec. 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 providing food and service excellence in sectors as diverse as business and industry, colleges and universities, healthcare and hospitals, sports, entertainment, leisure and cultural venues, remote camps, facilities management and vending. Erin Meehan, President of ESS stated, "William MacLeod joins a storied list of past Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame inductees who like himself used his business skills over the course of a lifetime to encourage respect for the land and best practices in the Aboriginal business world."

2014 marks the ninth year of the ABHF's recognition of the outstanding achievements of Aboriginal business leaders from across Canada. JP Gladu CCAB President and CEO stated, "We are absolutely thrilled to be celebrating another leader who has embraced community and business leadership throughout his career, stepping up to the challenges and transforming his business endeavours into the success we are so proud to celebrate."

Video biographies of 2013 ABHF laureates can be viewed at <http://www.ccab.com/abhf-laureates>

The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business' Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame Award will be presented at the Sixteenth Annual Toronto Gala on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at the Ritz Carlton, Toronto.

About the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB):

The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) was founded in 1984 by a small group of visionary business and community leaders led by Murray Koffler, founder of Shoppers Drug Mart and co-founder of the Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts. 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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