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Canadian 4-H Council and Cargill Announce New Partnership

Three-year partnership makes Cargill the lead partner for Council program

OTTAWA, March 23, 2009— The Canadian 4-H Council is pleased to announce today a new, three-year partnership that brings Cargill onboard as the lead partner for the National 4-H Citizenship Seminar held annually in Ottawa.

As lead partner of the program, Cargill has donated \$30,000 each year for the next three years. The seminar, which has been held since 1972, gives senior 4-H delegates the opportunity to travel to Ottawa and learn about governance, political procedures, and the rights and responsibilities of being a Canadian citizen.

“The National 4-H Citizenship Seminar is one of our most popular program opportunities for 4-H members across Canada,” said Bob McAuley, president of the Canadian 4-H Council. “Feedback from the seminar has always been extremely positive. Members, chaperones, and parents all remark on the fantastic experiences that this seminar provides.”

The National 4-H Citizenship Seminar is held in the spring of each year, and brings delegates to Ottawa. In 2009, more than 50 delegates will be traveling to Ottawa between March 27 and April 2. They will attend a citizenship ceremony, question period, tour Parliament Hill, meet their representative Members of Parliament, and enjoy the many sights that Ottawa has to offer.

“The mission of the Canadian 4-H Council is to provide initiatives that inspire youth to become contributing leaders in their communities,” McAuley continued.

“Through the National 4-H Citizenship Seminar, the Canadian 4-H Council can help

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fulfill that objective. We are very pleased that Cargill has come onboard to help us continue this wonderful program.”

For Cargill, the support for the Canadian 4-H Council and the National 4-H Citizenship Seminar is an investment in the future of Canadian youth.

“We are very excited about our involvement with the National 4-H Citizenship Seminar,” said Len Penner, president of Cargill, Limited. “4-H members develop leadership, communication and life skills that are so important for the future of the Canadian agricultural industry. By partnering with the Canadian 4-H Council, we are able to contribute to that future.”

About 4-H

4-H is one of the country’s longest-running youth organizations, offering fun, excitement and learning for youth in large and small communities across Canada. More than 8,500 trained volunteer Leaders help more than 28,000 4-H Members develop self-confidence and learn a wide variety of skills through hands-on project work. The Canadian 4-H Council was established in 1933 to coordinate all national 4-H affairs.

About Cargill Limited:

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