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To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders

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Subject: CanadaGAP pleased to announce dicentra as new Certification Body partner

The CanadaGAP® Program is pleased to announce the addition of a new Certification Body – dicentra, who will begin offering CanadaGAP audits and certification starting in summer 2023.



Third-party certification bodies are licensed by CanadaGAP to provide audit and certification services for fresh fruit and vegetable operations who are enrolled in the program. Program participants must comply with food safety standards outlined by CanadaGAP and undergo and successfully complete on-site audits by their selected Certification Body to obtain and maintain CanadaGAP certification.

"We're really excited to expand our certifications offering with CanadaGAP," said Peter Wojewnik, Partner at dicentra. "Many of our clients require CanadaGAP certification and for us to be able to provide it increases the value we can bring to them. As a Canadian owned and operated certification body, we're happy to partner with CanadaGAP, Canada's first Food Safety Program to be officially recognized by the GFSI."

dicentra will be offering its CanadaGAP services in Canada, with services beginning in English-speaking areas with plans to expand to French-speaking areas in the future.

dicentra joins four currently licensed Certification Bodies: Bureau de normalisation du Québec (BNQ), Control Union, NSF Canada Agricultural Certification Company (NSF Canada Ag), and TSLC in offering CanadaGAP audits and certification. We encourage you to visit CanadaGAP's CB webpage www.canadagap.ca/certification/certification-bodies/dicentra for more specifics.

For more information on dicentra, please visit https://dicentra.com/global-certifications/canadagap. dicentra is an ANSI National Standards Board (ANAB) ISO 17065 accredited certification body that conducts SQF, BRC, HACCP, GMP, and CanadaGAP audits. They specialize in addressing all matters related to safety, quality and compliance for all product categories in the global life sciences and food industries. They evaluate, implement and provide all the necessary support for products and operations to gain market access and build confidence in your brand. This is achieved through three business divisions: consulting, clinical trials and certifications. Since their inception in 2002, dicentra has completed over 24,000 projects and serviced over 1,400 companies internationally.

Please contact the CanadaGAP office at info@canadagap.ca with any questions.

CanadaGAP® is a program developed in Canada to promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for fruit and vegetable suppliers.

