

## Media Release

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### **International Trade Centre ready for 2016 Canadian Western Agribition**

*Regina, Saskatchewan* – The 150,000 sq. ft. International Trade Centre at Evraz Place is ready for this year’s edition of Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) taking place November 21 to 26. The first phase of construction activity was recently completed in time for the show.

Mark Allan, Regina Exhibition Association Limited (REAL) President and CEO, was on hand today with project funding partners, including CWA CEO Chris Lane, to provide a construction update.

“The first phase of construction has gone very well, and the facility is ready for this year’s Agribition,” said Allan. “The building is entirely enclosed, permanent LED lights are installed and the boiler is working to heat the facility. Two of the multi-purpose spaces will be used for the event, in addition to the service area at the back of the building.”

For this year’s show, the partially complete International Trade Centre will be home to several breeds of cattle, horses, sheep and goats.

“The facility is already an upgrade and we’re excited to be the first to use it,” said Lane. “We’re looking forward to what this building will mean for Agribition for years to come.”

Phase two final construction will start early in the new year with a target completion date of November 2017 in time for next year’s Agribition. Exhibition Stadium and the remaining half of the Winter Fair Building will be taken down in early January 2017, followed by demolition of the Pasqua and Harlton buildings in July after Canada’s Farm Progress Show. The project remains on budget.

“There’s no question we’re looking forward to the grand opening next year. It’s going to give Agribition a world-class home for a world-class show and give us a lot of options for growth,” said CWA President, Stewart Stone. “We have plans in place to make it easy for people and exhibitors to move around the grounds this year while that project is underway.”

REAL, operator of Evraz Place, is working directly with Ledcor Construction and Stantec Consulting to design and construct the new multi-purpose International Trade Centre facility on behalf of the City of Regina. The facility will be used to host significant agricultural events like Canadian Western Agribition and Canada’s Farm Progress Show. It will be similar to the EventPlex space, given its flexibility to host large trade shows, conventions and banquets. The facility will help attract large festivals, conventions and sporting events to Regina because it will join all buildings on the 102-acre property, making Evraz Place the largest

interconnected event facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. The facility will host the legendary Brier Patch during the recently announced 2018 Tim Hortons Brier.

The \$37 M International Trade Centre project has been made possible through funding from the Government of Canada, Government of Saskatchewan, City of Regina, Canadian Western Agribition and the Regina Hotel Association.

“We’d once again like to thank our project funding partners for supporting the International Trade Centre,” said Allan. “We’re grateful for the support and look forward to the future opportunity the facility brings to our city and province.”

[Find more information](#) about the International Trade Centre.

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#### **About Evraz Place**

Situated in the heart of Regina, Evraz Place is one of the largest and most influential event complexes in the country. The organization hosts the majority of Regina’s major events, including Canada's Farm Progress Show, Queen City Ex and Taste of Spring. Evraz Place is home to Canadian Western Agribition, the WHL Regina Pats, the Regina Soccer Association and numerous concerts, trade shows and conventions.

#### **About Canadian Western Agribition**

Canadian Western Agribition (CWA), located in Regina, Saskatchewan, is the best beef show on the continent and the largest livestock show in Canada. The show is anchored by beef cattle and features horses, bison, sheep, goats and an extensive agribusiness trade show. CWA continues to promote the expansion, development and interest in agriculture. The 46<sup>th</sup> edition of CWA will be held November 21 – 26, 2016.

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