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**MNP LLP & AFOA CANADA ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE A THREE YEAR SPONSORSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN ABORIGINAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

**Ottawa (August 24, 2016)** – AFOA Canada (formerly the Aboriginal Financial Officer Association of Canada) is pleased to announce a three-year sponsorship with MNP LLP for the *MNP-AFOA Canada Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Awards*. Two (2) Award recipients will be recognized February 9<sup>th</sup> during the closing banquet of the AFOA Canada 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference being held at the TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary, AB. “AFOA Canada is proud to recognize individuals who make a difference in our communities,” says Terry Goodtrack, President & CEO of AFOA Canada. “These are the premier excellence awards in Aboriginal finance, management, and leadership and we look forward to showcasing their achievements each year.”

*“We are proud to be sponsoring this prestigious award,”* states Clayton Norris, Vice President, Aboriginal Services, “at MNP LLP we have the opportunity to work with many incredible community leaders who have impacted their communities through economic growth and social development while also contributing greatly to the Canadian economy as a whole. There are many stories waiting to be told. We are pleased to be a part of this contribution and look forward to seeing opportunities continue to unfold for Aboriginal communities across the country.”

**About the Award**

The Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Award was created in 2004 and is one of most prestigious awards in the Aboriginal Community. It recognizes and celebrates First Nation, Inuit and Métis achievements in Aboriginal finance and management across Canada. Award recipients are selected based on their vision of excellence, innovation, outstanding leadership and contribution to Aboriginal finance and management.

There are two categories for the MNP-AFOA Canada Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Award. The National category recognizes individuals who have contributed to the Aboriginal financial and/or management profession on a national or institutional level. The Regional category recognizes those individuals who have made their financial management contributions at the regional, local or community level.

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