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ABC Group Announces Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) Certification

First Canadian tier one auto parts supplier to receive WBE certification

Toronto, ON – February 3, 2011 - ABC Group Inc., North America's leading plastic automotive parts supplier, today announced that it has received Women Business Enterprise (WBE) certification from WEConnect Canada. This makes ABC Group the first Canadian tier one auto parts supplier to apply for and receive WBE certification with WEConnect Canada.

WBE certification is an internationally recognized standard for businesses that are majority-owned (51 per cent), managed, and controlled by a woman, or women and is widely recognized by multinational and government procurement programs as one of the ways of ensuring supplier diversity in their supply chains.

"ABC Group views WBE certification as an important part of being a global business, as it ensures that we are able to compete for business opportunities from supplier diversity and government procurement programs," said Helga Schmidt, Chairman of ABC Group. "WBE certification is another way of helping ABC Group stand out in today's highly competitive and dynamic global marketplace."

Through internationally recognized standards, WEConnect Canada certifies businesses that are at least 51 per cent owned, managed and controlled by women and connects them with the growing corporate and public sector demand for diverse suppliers. "We're thrilled to announce that ABC Group Inc. is now certified! Certification creates a distinct advantage to leverage and to solidify relationships with existing customers and to gain new contracts," said Mary Anderson, Executive Director of WEConnect Canada. Women business owners in the U.S.A., Europe, and recently India and China have similar certification programs.

"Since ABC Group was founded in 1974, the company has been committed to diversity in terms of hiring and conducting its day-to-day business. Obtaining WBE certification is a means of formalizing one aspect of this commitment," added Schmidt.

About WEConnect Canada

WEConnect Canada is a Canadian non-profit organization that is opening doors to new supply chains. Led by corporate members, it certifies firms that are at least 51 per cent owned, managed and controlled by women and connects them with the growing global demand from corporations and the public sector for diverse and innovative suppliers. An affiliate of WEConnect International, which promotes the leading international certification standard for women-owned businesses to link them to the global supply chain, WEConnect Canada is building on successful models in the U.S. and Europe.

About ABC Group Inc.

ABC Group Inc. is one of North America's top tier one automotive parts suppliers. An award-winning international success story, ABC Group began in 1974 with a single manufacturing facility in Canada and has grown to become a global manufacturing enterprise. The company employs approximately 4,000 employees and has 24 manufacturing facilities in Canada (Ontario, Alberta,

British Columbia), the United States (Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee), Mexico, Brazil, Spain and Germany, and a office in Japan. For further information about ABC Group Inc., go to www.abcgroupinc.com.

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