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NEIGHBOURHOOD PHARMACIES ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD CHAIR; THANKS OUTGOING CHAIR FOR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

TORONTO, October 27, 2014 – The Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada (Neighbourhood Pharmacies) announced today that Frank Scorpiniti, Chief Executive Officer of Rexall, will resign as Board Chair of the Association effective October 28, 2014. He will be succeeded by Vivek Sood, General Manager of Lawton's Drug Stores Limited, who has served as Vice Chair of the Association's Board.

“On behalf of the staff at Neighbourhood Pharmacies, we want to thank Frank for his leadership as Chair during this dynamic time in our industry and congratulate him on his new role leading a retail organization in the United States. Frank Scorpiniti has been a visionary leader through a critical period in the Canadian retail pharmacy industry's development,” said Denise Carpenter, President and Chief Executive Officer of Neighbourhood Pharmacies. “Through his vision and steadfast focus on putting patients first, Frank Scorpiniti helped position retail pharmacy as one part of the larger solution to the serious challenges facing the Canadian healthcare delivery system. Frank's vision and focus are embodied in our industry's seminal policy platform, *9000 Points of Care: Improving Access to Affordable Healthcare*, and brought to life daily by our members at more than 6,500 locations across the country. We thank him and wish him well in all his future endeavors.”

“I want to thank Denise Carpenter and her dedicated staff at Neighbourhood Pharmacies for their unwavering support for our member companies. Neighbourhood Pharmacies' laser focus on a renewed strategy has served to better align our members and the broader industry as a whole, all focused on improving healthcare delivery in Canada. With Neighbourhood Pharmacies' support, I'm enthusiastic for the increasingly important healthcare role that pharmacy will play in Canada's future,” said Frank Scorpiniti, Chief Executive Officer, Rexall.

Vivek Sood, who has served as Vice Chair, assumes the duties of Chair effective October 28, 2014. His first formal engagement as Chair will be to present a keynote address, “Neighbourhood Pharmacies – Delivering Sustainable Healthcare Closer to Home,” at the Public Policy Forum’s Atlantic Summit on Healthcare and Drug Cost Sustainability, Thursday, October 30, 2014, in Charlottetown.

“Vivek Sood and Frank Scorpiniti oversaw our Association’s recent rebranding and research-based policy agenda – which more directly link our work with where our members have their biggest impact on the health and wellbeing of Canadians – and they have been central in attracting other industry senior executives to help guide our Association and build its effectiveness. Our Association and industry are well positioned for the future with this seamless transition of leadership,” concluded Carpenter.

The Neighborhood Pharmacy Association of Canada (Neighborhood Pharmacies) is a strong voice and the leading advocate for the business of pharmacy in Canada. Our research and analytics deliver strategic insights about neighborhood pharmacy, patients, governments and payers to inform our policy development process. We aim to develop evidence-based business and public policy proposals that deliver tangible health and economic outcomes.

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