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PETER HARDWICK NAMED DISTINGUISHED ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR 2016 BY NEIGHBOURHOOD PHARMACY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

TORONTO, May 25, 2016 – The Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada (Neighbourhood Pharmacies), today announced that Peter Hardwick, Senior Vice President Commercial Operations Canada and Caribbean, Apotex Inc., has been named its 2016 Distinguished Associate of the Year.

Widely regarded as a leader in Canada's broader pharmacy industry, Peter always brings a high-level perspective which seeks to put industry advancement ahead of competitive interests. A true partner in the business, Peter has been instrumental in ensuring that the Canadian industry has been exposed to a wide range of innovators and views and experiences of those in other markets. He has also been an active, long-term supporter of Neighbourhood Pharmacies and its predecessor the Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores and has participated in its committee work and in strategic initiatives, as well as serving as co-chair of the planning committee for the Association's 2013 annual conference in Halifax.

Before taking on his current responsibilities, Peter was Senior Vice President Sales and Marketing at Apotex. He previously served with Mepha as Director of Marketing and with Syntex as a Sales Representative. Peter is a member of the Class of 1990 from Saint Mary's University, Halifax, and he undertook further education at Ashridge Executive Education at the Hult International Business School in the United Kingdom.

The award will be presented at the Chairman's Dinner, June 14, 2016, during Pharmacy EXPO 2016.

The Distinguished Associate of the Year award honours a Neighbourhood Pharmacies Associate in good standing who displays commitment to Association initiatives, committees or initiatives, and who contributes to the advancement of the community pharmacy industry.

Past Neighbourhood Pharmacies Distinguished Associates of the Year have included: Don Bird, WN Pharmaceuticals, 2013; Carol MacDonald, Pfizer Canada Inc., 2012; Paul Porter, Advantage International, 2010; Jean Legault, Beiersdorf Canada Inc., 2009; Rita Egan, AstraZeneca Canada Inc., 2008; Rod Sturtridge, Carlton Cards Limited, 2007; and, Jack Kay, Apotex Inc., 2001.

Neighbourhood Pharmacies represents the owners and operators of Canada's leading drug store brands, operating in corporate chains, banners and buying groups, as well as mass merchandisers and grocery chains with pharmacies.

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