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MARIE-CLAUDE BOISVERT WINS PERFORMANCE AWARD FROM RÉSEAU ESG UQÀM

Montreal, November 16, 2011 — Marie-Claude Boisvert, Chief Operating Officer of Desjardins Venture Capital, which manages Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (www.capitalregional.com), received the Réseau ESG UQAM performance award in the manager category yesterday evening. This award was presented at the 21st Gala Prix Performance, held at the Centre CDP Capital.

This event, popular among the business community, highlights and rewards the expertise, commitment and outstanding contribution of ESG UQAM alumni who have excelled through their vision, innovation and managerial talent.

André Lachapelle, Chair of the Board of Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins, lauded Ms. Boisvert on her nomination: “Ms. Boisvert has a sixth sense for business. She is recognized and appreciated for her ability to listen and for her sharp analytical abilities, her sound actions and willingness to help. She takes seriously the mission of Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins and firmly believes in the need to advance the economic development of our regions and to protect Quebec’s entrepreneurial heritage.”

About Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins

Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins, this year celebrating its 10th anniversary, is a publicly-traded company managed by Desjardins Venture Capital. With over 107,000 shareholders and net assets of \$1,082 million, the Company contributes to Quebec’s economic development while driving the growth of cooperatives and the resource regions. Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins currently supports more than 220 companies, cooperatives and funds in various industries spanning all regions in Quebec. (www.capitalregional.com)

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