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Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins acquires Regal Confections

Montréal, December 21, 2011 – Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (the Company) (www.capitalregional.com) announced the acquisition of the shares of Regal Confections Inc. and Wawi Chocolate Inc. Following this transaction and reinvestment by the four current shareholders, the Company is the majority shareholder of Regal Confections Inc. and Jean-Talon Chocolate Inc. (formerly Wawi Chocolate Inc.).

Joseph Neufeld, owner-manager of Regal Confections remains a shareholder of the company and will be responsible for day-to-day operations in his capacity as President. He is very impressed with the professionalism and values of Desjardins. “We have received numerous purchase offers in recent years. But Desjardins showed exceptional commitment towards ensuring that the company remains in Québec and continues to grow. We’re very proud to be associated with this prestigious financial institution.”

According to Marie-Claude Boisvert, Chief Operating Officer of Desjardins Venture Capital, the manager of Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins, this acquisition is perfectly aligned with the Company’s mission of ensuring continuity and growth of local companies. “We’re very pleased to partner with a flagship Québec company that plays a prominent role in its industry. This transaction proves the merit of our actions aimed at maintaining ownership and jobs in Québec.”

Regal Confections is a Canadian leader in the distribution and packaging of quality candies and chocolates. With its head office in Laval, the company operates three distribution centres across Canada. Its clientele consists of big box stores, most food retailers, wholesalers and chain stores (pharmacies and convenience stores). Jean-Talon Chocolate Inc. specializes in manufacturing and distributing chocolate confectionary products for Christmas and Easter. Most of its production is sold through Regal Confections.

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 Québec’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 Québec regions. (www.capitalregional.com)

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