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CMBTC RELEASES RECOMMENDED MALTING BARLEY VARIETIES LIST FOR 2014-15

WINNIPEG - The Recommended Malting Barley Varieties List for 2014-15 has been released by the Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC).

The recommendations on this list are based on the varieties expected to be selected by grain and malting companies for both domestic and export markets for the 2014 harvest. The list is published on behalf of the members of the CMBTC, and other companies that have provided their input. CMBTC members are Alberta Agriculture, Alberta Barley Commission, Alfred C. Toepfer Canada, The CWB, Canadian Grain Commission, CANTERRA Seeds, Cargill AgHorizons, Fedoruk Seeds, Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Development, Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, Molson Coors, Parrish & Heimbecker, Richardson International, SABMiller, Saskatchewan Agriculture, Prairie Malt Limited, the Public Malt Barley Breeders, SeCan, Syngenta Canada and Viterra. CMBTC Managing Director Rob McCaig, upon reflection of the work that went into this year's list said, "I would once again like to thank all of our members as well as the industry for helping us put together this list as it is important information for the producer, aiding them in making their seeding decisions for the coming year. With the changes made to marketing of Canadian malting barley the generation of this list was a challenging collaborative effort between all parts of the malt barley value chain. With these changes the list becomes even more important in providing the farmer with a clear indication of the requirements of the domestic and international maltsters and brewers".

"These recommendations were derived from information CMBTC members obtained through their sales and marketing efforts and contact with domestic and international maltsters and brewers, as well as from test malting and brewing results achieved at CMBTC in their Pilot Malthouse and Pilot Brewery," said CMBTC Managing Director Rob McCaig. The list clearly indicates the increasing acceptance of our new Canadian barley varieties by the international and domestic barley users..

The CMBTC, which started in August 2000, is an independent, non-profit organization funded by members of the malting barley and malt industry. The CMBTC is the focal point for applied malting and brewing research and provides technical support to members and clients. CMBTC facilities include a state-of-the-art pilot malting plant and pilot brewery, located in the Canadian Grain Commission Building.

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