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Regina Exhibition Association Limited Commits to GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation Program

Regina, Saskatchewan – Regina Exhibition Association Limited (REAL) has announced its commitment to achieve Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ accreditation, the gold standard for prepared facilities. Under the guidance of GBAC, a Division of ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, REAL will implement the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention in all its facilities at Evraz Place.

“We are and always have been absolutely committed to the health and safety of our guests, employees, and tenants,” explained Tim Reid, President and CEO of REAL. “So moving forward with the GBAC STAR accreditation shows that is what’s at the top of our minds, being able to do what we can to ensure, that when the time is right, we can responsibly reopen and provide that confidence in our guests that it’s safe to return to our facilities.”

As the cleaning industry’s only outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation, GBAC STAR™ helps organizations establish protocols and procedures, offers expert-led training and assesses a facility’s readiness for biorisk situations. The program will verify that REAL implements best practices to prepare for, respond to and recover from outbreaks and pandemics.

“GBAC STAR accreditation empowers facility owners and managers to assure workers, customers and key stakeholders that they have proven systems in place to maintain clean and healthy environments,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “By taking this important step to pursue GBAC STAR, REAL will receive third-party validation that it follows strict protocols for biorisk situations, thereby demonstrating its preparedness and commitment to operating safely.”

To achieve GBAC STAR™ accreditation, REAL will demonstrate compliance with the program’s 20 core elements, which range from standard operating procedures and risk assessment

strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures. Learn more about GBAC STAR accreditation at www.gbac.org.

About REAL

Evrax Place – the 100-acre property powered by the Regina Exhibition Association Limited (REAL) – has a rich history of bringing the community together to enjoy events of all types. Situated in the heart of Regina, the Evrax Place campus has distinguished itself as the place where everything happens, a hub for activity, and a catalyst for change in the sport and entertainment marketplace. As a not-for-profit community service organization, REAL’s core purpose is to contribute to the region’s collective quality of life. This purpose is achieved by providing tourism economic impact, entertainment value, local employment, non-profit group volunteer opportunities, and recreational facilities that support healthier lifestyles. Evrax Place is proud to be home to the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Regina Pats, Futbol Club Regina, Hockey Regina, University of Regina Cougars Hockey, many minor and recreational sports, and numerous concerts, trade shows, and conventions.

About GBAC, a Division of ISSA

Composed of international leaders in the field of microbial-pathogenic threat analysis, mitigation, response and recovery, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, provides training, guidance, accreditation, certification, crisis management assistance and leadership to government, commercial and private entities looking to mitigate, quickly address and/or recover from biological threats and real-time crises. The organization’s services include biorisk management program assessment and training, Forensic Restoration® response and remediation, the GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation program, training and certification of individuals and consulting for building owners and facility managers. For more information, visit www.gbac.org.

About ISSA

With more than 9,300 members—including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, wholesalers, building service contractors, in-house service providers, residential cleaners and associated service members—ISSA is the world’s leading trade association for the cleaning industry. The association is committed to changing the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment and an improved bottom line. Headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., USA, the association has regional offices in Mainz, Germany; Whitby, Canada; Parramatta, Australia; Seoul, South Korea; and Shanghai, China. For more information about ISSA, visit www.issa.com

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