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Waterloo, Ontario, April 14th, 2016 – The David Johnston Research + Technology Park (R+T Park) University of Waterloo and tenants have come together and committed to a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction target through Sustainable Waterloo Region’s (SWR) Regional Carbon Initiative Program (RCI). Using 2014 numbers as our baseline, a 10 year and 40% reduction goal was set by the R+T Park building owners and tenants. Through all the hard work and commitment towards this initiative, the R+T Park and its tenants have been nominated for the ‘Rookie of the Year’ award.

The Rookie of the Year award is designed to recognize the most active, committed and ambitious member of the Regional Carbon Initiative. Some criteria for this award included: attending events run by Sustainable Waterloo, sharing information with other members and measuring your progress and reducing GHG emissions. The R+T Park’s Green Team has exceeded all of these criteria, making them an excellent recipient for the ‘Rookie of the Year’ award.

The park is leading by example. Striving to be both a leader in the community and impactful in future building practices, the R+T Park Green team sets examples by not only raising awareness on the emission of greenhouse gasses but implementing strategic practices that can be implemented in day to day operations.

The R+T Park Green Team is comprised of representatives from the companies, building owners and building management. Companies such as Cora Group, Marsland Centre, DREAM Office REIT, University of Waterloo, AGFA, SAP, Open Text, Stantec, TextNow, Navtech, Accelerator Centre, and more... today 70+ companies and approx. 3,100 knowledge workers call the park home. “As a new tenant of the R+T Park, being a part of a broader Green Team has helped us clarify our own sustainability objectives and aligns with our core values at Stantec.” Explains Gizem Gunal-Akgol, Atmospheric Engineer at Stantec. “We are grateful to be recognized for doing what’s right for the environment.”

The R+T Park is extremely proud to receive this recognition for our efforts and each Green Team member will be sharing this with their colleagues and internal sustainability groups.

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About the David Johnston Research + Technology Park

The David Johnston Research + Technology Park is one of the largest research parks in Canada and is uniquely located on the University of Waterloo’s North Campus. Designed to accommodate 1.2 million square feet of office space on 120-acres (49 hectares), the park will house thousands of researchers, create new technology jobs, and generate billions of dollars in economic impact.

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