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Flax Council of Canada Provides Industry Update on Use of Certified Seed for 2010

Winnipeg, Manitoba - - The Flax Council of Canada (FCC) today announced that recent testing by the Crop Development Centre (CDC) has found extremely low indicators of Triffid on a limited number of breeder seed samples.

The tests were undertaken in order to provide information to seed growers and flax producers, and utilized testing procedures recommended by the Flax Council of Canada. Extensive testing of three registered varieties, CDC Bethune, CDC Sorrel and CDC Sanctuary, has shown indicators of trace levels of GM material below 0.01%.

The FCC is leading an initiative to develop a revised domestic stewardship program, which would include an option for producers to use farm saved seed under rigorous sampling and testing procedures.

“This information has very recently become available to us and Canada’s flax industry is responding quickly to make the right decisions,” said Barry Hall, President of the FCC. “This includes direct communications with our flax growers, destination customers and other stakeholders, informing them of our revised approach as we continue working towards a long-term solution.”

Producers and other stakeholders will be contacted in the coming days with further information about sampling and testing procedures.

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