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## STATEMENT

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### **PREMIER'S STATEMENT ON THE ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS**

VANCOUVER – Premier Gordon Campbell released the following statement today to congratulate the winners of B.C.'s first-ever Aboriginal Business Awards.

“I would like to extend my personal congratulations to all the recipients of these prestigious new awards.

“The recipients come from all corners of the province and show what a positive impact flourishing Aboriginal business has on the local and provincial economy.

“By encouraging new Aboriginal business opportunities, we help to bridge the socio-economic gaps between Aboriginal people and other British Columbians to the benefit of all of B.C.

“I applaud the vision, hard work and commitment of the recipients. They provide inspiration to a new generation of budding entrepreneurs across the province and demonstrate the essential contribution that B.C.'s Aboriginal business community is making to keep our economy strong for the future.”

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1 backgrounder(s) attached.

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