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Warren Jestin appointed new Vineland Research and Innovation Centre Board Chair

VINELAND STATION, Ontario, September 25, 2018 – The Vineland Research and Innovation Centre (Vineland) Board of Directors announced today the appointment of Warren Jestin, PhD as Board Chair.

Mr. Jestin joined the Board in 2013, was appointed Vice Chair in 2016, and succeeds the Honourable Lyle Vanclief who served as Board Chair for the last three years.

“It’s an honour for me to chair this Board and continue supporting the exciting research and innovation required to transform the horticulture and agriculture industries for the opportunities that lie ahead,” said Mr. Jestin.

Mr. Jestin retired in 2016 from Scotiabank after nearly three decades as Chief Economist. He also has worked at the Bank of Canada and taught at a number of Canadian universities. Mr. Jestin is an advisor and public speaker on domestic and global economic issues and is on the Advisory Board of the University of Guelph's College of Business & Economics.

Mr. Jestin has been a member of the C.D. Howe Institute's Monetary Policy Council and became a Senior Fellow in 2015. He has been involved with policy committees of the Canadian and Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Toronto Board of Trade.

Vineland also welcomed today three new Directors to the Board and thanked outgoing Directors Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Paul-André Bosc and William (Bill) Stensson for their contributions.

Incoming Directors include Carolyn Hurst, President of Westcott Vineyards; Fred Koornneef, President of Koornneef Produce and Sue-Ann Staff, Owner/Winemaker of Sue-Ann Staff Estate Winery.

About Vineland Research and Innovation Centre

With a highly-skilled research team, oversight from an independent Board of Directors, engagement from an international Science Advisory Council and collaboration with 86 global partners including a Stakeholder Advisory Council, Vineland’s goal is to enhance Canadian growers’ commercial success through results-oriented innovation. We are an independent, not-for-profit organization, funded in part by the *Canadian Agricultural Partnership*. For the latest on our research and innovation, visit www.vinelandresearch.com

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