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## **NSF-CMi Licenses eBiz to Deliver RiscoGen Services in Agriculture in Canada**

October 19, 2010 – NSF-CMi Certification Limited based in Oxford, England, has selected eBiz Professionals Inc. of Guelph, Ontario as its Licensee to deliver and support the use of the RiscoGen benchmarking system in Canada.

The RiscoGen system has been used to establish baseline risk profiles for livestock production facilities in the UK and Canada, for a number of livestock and poultry biosecurity benchmarking projects.

“As the use of the system has grown, we have become aware of the need to provide client support within Canada,” said David Richardson, Managing Director of NSF-CMi Certification Ltd “and we believe eBiz is fully capable, both technically and through their extensive work in animal biosecurity, to take on this role. It is important not only to localise the tools for use within the country, but also to be able to provide excellent local client support. We will be working closely with eBiz in the coming months to ensure a seamless integration of the RiscoGen offering into their operation.”

In Canada, the RiscoGen system has delivered the benchmark measures for a national biosecurity standards project, and has provided disease risk analysis that has resulted in the development of groundbreaking animal disease insurance for several livestock sectors. This work will continue under the new arrangement, and the uses for the RiscoGen tools will expand.

“We’re delighted to be working with NSF-CMi,” said Ian Richardson, President of eBiz (and no relative to David), “and the opportunity for us to help Canadian livestock producers take advantage of solid, on-the-ground data about their biosecurity practices. Expanded use of the RiscoGen system will lead to production advantages, and hopefully to enhanced market access for Canadian product. We have been working with the agriculture industry on the development of biosecurity programs and implementation of protocols and practices; now we can combine that experience with the ability to measure their effect.”

**NSF-CMi**, the most widely known and respected food assurance brand, leads NSF International global food assurance operations. Through an international network of offices NSF-CMi delivers services and expertise to established and developing food supply operations in all regions of the world.

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**eBiz Professionals Inc.** delivers specialized consulting services to the agriculture and food industries in Canada, working with producers and producer associations, inputs and services suppliers, processors, and government agencies. The company’s staff and associates provide unique expertise in biosecurity, food safety, animal health and traceability, and are often seen as “working from the ground up” –

ensuring that strategies and programs work in day-to-day practice. eBiz also maintains an information technology focus, to help its clients measure, analyse and improve their performance in program compliance and operational results.

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