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Canadian Government Renews World-Leading Chemicals Management Plan in Economic Action Plan 2015

April 22, 2015 - Ottawa - The Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (CCSPA) is pleased that the Government committed \$491.5 million over 5 years starting in 2016 for the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) in the April 21, 2015, Federal Budget – Economic Action Plan 2015. This continued support and commitment ensures the protection of Canadians' health and safety, and the environment.

The CMP is a world-leading, comprehensive approach to substance management. Announced originally in 2006, the plan has built upon the rigorous, science-based regulatory regime currently in place; and CCSPA says Canadian consumers are well served by the program and its results to date.

"We see the renewal of the plan as a continuation of Canada's world-leading initiatives in this area," says Shannon Coombs, President, CCSPA, "and we will continue to work proactively with the government as the plan is implemented. CCSPA's key pillars for program delivery is that actions are based on sound science, include due process for downstream users and include effective communications to Canadians. To date, the program has delivered these essential elements; and we have the same expectation going forward."

"Canadians can be confident that regulated ingredients and products are safe when used according to the products' directions and that various Canadian laws and regulations govern all substances, products and their labelling. As we move forward and work with the government on this important plan, we are confident Canada will continue to use the best science available and that all stakeholders will continue to collaborate to further protect Canadians and our environment," Coombs says.

Further information can be found at the following website: www.healthycleaning101.org

About Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association (www.ccsa.org): CCSPA is a national trade association that represents 35 member companies across Canada, collectively a \$20 billion industry directly employing 12,000 people in over 120 facilities. Our companies manufacture, process, package and distribute consumer, industrial and institutional specialty products such as soaps and detergents, pest control products, aerosols, hard surface disinfectants, deodorizers and automotive chemicals.

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