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MEC's Kerry Heid Honored as Man of Influence

REGINA— Kerry Heid, a founder and president of Regina-based Magna Electric Corporation, has been honored as one of Saskatchewan's Most Influential Men in this month's *Saskatchewan Business Magazine*.

"This year's group of influencers not only exhibits the capacity to sway opinion or trajectories, they find themselves at the heart of the 'big' picture issues weighing on Saskatchewan these days," wrote Paul Martin, reporter for *Saskatchewan Business Magazine*.

Heid has led MEC to a place of prominence in the energy industry working closely with the utility crowns and industry leaders throughout the country. The company has formed strong alliances including a long-term working partnership with Texas-based Shermco Industries who recently acquired MEC to form the largest electrical testing and maintenance company in North America.

The Most Influential Men list recognized ten of the top province influencers, placing Heid in the esteemed company with the following leaders: Arnie Arnott, CEO of Canpotex; Ben Voss, CEO of the Meadow Lake Tribal Council's economic arm; Don Wilson, managing partner of MLT; Gord Dobrowolsky, chair of the workers compensation board of Saskatchewan; John Hopkins, CEO of Regina Chamber of Commerce; Larry Rosia, president of Siast; Mike MacNaughton, founder of Twisted Pair and chair of Creative Saskatchewan; Riel Bellegarde, CEO of Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology; and, Kent Smith-Windsor, dean of the Provincial Chamber of Commerce community.

"We are proud of Kerry Heid and his influential leadership in Saskatchewan and Canada," said Ron Widup, CEO of Shermco Industries. "This is a true honor, which Kerry has worked hard for many years to earn. We also want to congratulate all of the exemplary leaders named to the 'Most Influential Men of Saskatchewan' list."

ABOUT MAGNA ELECTRIC

Based in Saskatchewan, Magna Electric Corporation is a leading Canadian electrical power system engineering, testing, construction, manufacturing and commissioning service company. MEC is a division of Shermco Industries, North America's leading independent provider of electrical services to energy, utility, infrastructure and industrial companies. With service centers located throughout North America, certified technicians and engineers focus on servicing both scheduled and unexpected projects for large commercial, industrial and utility customers. MEC and Shermco, lead in electrical safety and technical training as well as industrial electrical contracting, utility, wind turbine maintenance and disaster recovery services. Both are members in good standing with governing and standards entities such as the CSA, Electrical Apparatus Service Association, American Wind Energy Association, Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League, and the InterNational Electrical Testing Association. For more information, visit www.magnaelectric.com or www.shermco.com

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