

Press Release

Artopex is one of Canada's Best Managed Companies for the 12th consecutive year

Granby (Quebec), March 7, 2019. – Artopex was recognized for overall business performance and sustained growth with the prestigious Canada's Best Managed Companies designation. The 2018 Best Managed program award winners are amongst the best-in-class of Canadian owned and managed companies with revenues over \$15 million demonstrating strategy, capability and commitment to achieve sustainable growth.

"2018 was a year of important changes for Artopex with the announcement of more than \$30 million in investments to support our 4.0 shift. These changes will bring significant improvements in productivity and have proven to be a success factor for our growth strategy", explains Daniel Pelletier, CEO, Artopex.

"Well-run companies are important to the economic health of our country. These companies serve as role models to help make all Canadian businesses better" said Lorrie King, Partner, Deloitte and Co-Leader, Canada's Best Managed Companies program

Applicants are evaluated by an independent judging panel comprised of representatives from program sponsors in addition to special guest judges. 2018 Best Managed companies share commonalities that include a clear strategy and vision, investment in capability and commitment to talent.

"Artopex has been a recipient of the Best Managed Companies for 12 years now. Year after year, this contest recognizes the exceptional work and commitment of all our employees and partners and is therefore a great source of pride for the whole company", notes Mr. Pelletier.

"2018 winners of the Canada's Best Managed Companies award will be honoured at the annual Canada's Best Managed Companies gala in Toronto on April 11, 2019. On the same date, the Best Managed symposium will address leading-edge business issues that are key to the success of today's business leaders.

The Best Managed program is sponsored by Deloitte, CIBC, Canadian Business, Smith School of Business, TMX Group and MacKay CEO Forums.

About Canada's Best Managed Companies

Canada's Best Managed Companies continues to be the mark of excellence for Canadian-owned and managed companies with revenues over \$15 million. Every year since the launch of the program in 1993, hundreds of entrepreneurial companies have competed for this designation in a rigorous and independent process that evaluates their management skills and practices. The awards are granted on four levels: 1) Canada's Best Managed Companies new winner (one of the new winners selected each year); 2) Canada's Best Managed Companies winner (award recipients that have re-applied and successfully retained their Best Managed designation for two additional years, subject to annual operational and financial review); 3) Gold Standard winner (after three consecutive years of maintaining their Best Managed status, these winners have demonstrated their commitment to the program and successfully retained their award for 4-6 consecutive years); 4) Platinum Club member (winners that have maintained their Best Managed status for seven years or more). Program sponsors are Deloitte, CIBC, Canadian Business, Smith School of Business, TMX Group and MacKay CEO Forums.

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