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Dr. Arvind Gupta, CEO and Scientific Director Mitacs Inc. Suite 301, Technology Enterprise Facility University of British Columbia 6190 Agronomy Rd Vancouver BC V6T 1Z3

Dear Dr. Gupta:

I am pleased to advise that the Ministry of Advanced Education will provide Mitacs with a one-time contribution of \$3,000,000 to support Mitacs Globalink and Mitacs Accelerate programs. A cheque will follow under separate cover.

The funding for Mitacs Globalink of \$700,000 is to support international students participating in research internships at British Columbia universities, contributing directly to the international education targets in *Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan* and the Province's efforts to increase internationalization of our education system. The Mitacs Accelerate funding of \$2,300,000 is to support British Columbia and international students undertaking their graduate education in British Columbia who are participating in internships with industry. Further, the Mitacs Accelerate funding is to be directed to supporting the priority economic sectors outlined in *Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan*.

By March 31, 2013, Mitacs is required to report back to the Ministry on the number of recipients, their province/country of origin, field of study and/or research project, British Columbia post-secondary institution host, and participating British Columbia company (where applicable), supported by this funding.

The Ministry feels cooperative efforts around public communications will maximize the benefits to your organization. I respectfully request that you defer any media releases until our joint efforts can be formalized.

Please have your staff contact Ms. Joanne Whittier, Communications Manager, of our Government Communications and Public Engagement, by phone at (250) 952-6400 to arrange for an opportunity to publicly announce funding for this project.

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I appreciate the contribution of Mitacs to the province's research and innovation capacity, and your commitment to providing exceptional opportunities for students.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland, CMA, FCMA

Deputy Minister

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Post-Secondary Funding and Corporate Finance

Ms. Joanne Whittier, Communications Manager

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