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CABINET MINUTES

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Premier's Vancouver Office

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pc: Honourable Norm Letnick
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Derek Sturko, Deputy Minister
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Issue: Carbon Tax Relief Grant for Greenhouse Sector

Ministry: Agriculture

Background:

- In Budget 2012, government announced that it would undertake a review of the carbon tax and that a one-year carbon tax relief grant for greenhouse growers, administered by the Ministry of Agriculture, would be provided while the tax was being reviewed.
- The grant was \$7.6 million, the amount of carbon tax the sector (and Ministry of Agriculture) estimated at that time it would pay in 2012. Grants were based on 2011 fuel volumes of natural gas and propane and the carbon tax rates for 2012.

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Date: January 17, 2013

Contact: Elizabeth Cole
Executive Director,
Strategic Projects & Policy
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Decision: (To be completed after review meeting)



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March 5, 2013

Premier Christy Clark
Victoria B.C.

Re: Budget 2013 Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program

Dear Madam Premier;

The carbon tax relief grant program included in the 2013 Budget is very welcome news for the greenhouse sector.

A healthy agri-food sector is critical to BC's food security and critically important to our future. We are pleased by the Government's acknowledgement that greenhouse agriculture is unique in that we purposefully produce CO₂ for the growth of our plants. We thank you for your recognition that relief from the carbon tax is essential in maintaining the competitiveness of our sector.

The carbon tax relief in 2012 was a lifeline for our members. With the grant in 2013 and future years there is a measure of predictability in the tax regime that will allow our members to compete more effectively with Growers throughout North America and to make business investment decisions for now and the future.

Kind Regards

Peter Cummings
President and Chair

Linda Delli Santi
Executive Director

cc. The Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture
The Honourable Mike de Jong, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training
The Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas
The Honourable Dr. Terry Lake, Minister of Environment
The Honourable Don McRae, Minister of Education
Kevin Falcon, MLA, Surrey-Cloverdale
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