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A closing letter to our many farmer and rancher clients and industry supporters

You will see by the announcement on the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (AEFP) website that the Company is no longer operational.

The demise of our company is a difficult decision for our board, however, it was not a decision of our making. It is in no way a reflection on the value of the EFP program or the commitment of the many people who have served that effort over the past number of years since the company was formed.

The decision to move the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program to the extension service of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) means that AEFP no longer has a role in that area, and obviously has no need for staff or facilities. As is stated elsewhere, the best place for producers to get information on EFPs and related support under the Growing Forward Program, is to contact the ARD toll-free phone resource at 310-FARM (3276) or to visit the Growing Forward website.

We hope this change does not discourage producers who have not yet completed an EFP, from doing so. While an EFP is still a requirement for some funding support opportunities under Growing Forward, the EFP process has much deeper meaning than that. It has become a very large step in the long term process of enhancing the environmental performance of the agricultural industry, setting the stage for a future anchored on stewardship.

We are proud of the role the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company played in that progress.

As chair of our Board, I would like to personally thank the current and past board of director members, and the staff who have worked to introduce, manage, promote the EFP program and service our client base. On behalf of all of those people, we want to express our sincere appreciation to the many farmers and ranchers who have completed an EFP. That effort speaks volumes about the commitment our industry has for their business today and the world in which they must operate tomorrow.

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I especially want to thank all the ranchers and farmers who committed to the EFP process as all of this was for your benefit. I am sure this experience will benefit you and your environment for years to come and I encourage you to review and keep your EFP current.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Logan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glenn" being more prominent than the last name "Logan".

Glenn Logan
Chair, Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Company