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**CVCA's President Joins Governor General on State Visit to Republic of India
Promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

Toronto – February 21, 2014: The President of the Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (CVCA), Peter van der Velden, has accepted an invitation to join the Governor General's state mission to the Republic of India.

The State visit, requested by the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, will be led by Their Excellencies the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston from February 22 to March 2, 2014. His Excellency will be joined by parliamentarians and an accompanying delegation of Canadians who will enhance business, academic, cultural and people-to-people ties with their Indian counterparts. The goal of these exchanges is to further develop the wide-ranging and multi-faceted relationship with India, a major economic player and priority market for Canada, and provide greater impetus to bilateral initiatives in various sectors, particularly in strategies promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and education.

"I am very much looking forward to participating in this important initiative particularly given that the key themes of the visit, innovation, entrepreneurship and education are all near and dear to me both personally and professionally," said Mr. van der Velden, President of the CVCA and Managing General Partner of Lumira Capital.

Additional information regarding the Governor General's State visit to the Republic of India, including speeches, photos and videos, will be available at www.gg.ca.

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To arrange an interview with Peter van der Velden, President of the CVCA and Managing General Partner of Lumira Capital Corp, or Mike Woollatt, CVCA's CEO, please contact Lauren Linton, Director of Marketing, llinton@cvca.ca.

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