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TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. establishes WinSport Athlete Development Fund

CALGARY, Alta. – WinSport is excited to announce an agreement with TransCanada Pipelines Ltd., that will help fund developing athletes on their road to the podium.

The newly created WinSport Athlete Development Fund provides three awards annually, including the TransCanada Academic Sport Award, which acknowledges young athletes that combine their commitment to sport with strong academic success. The other two awards, the WinSport Sport Development Award and the WinSport Sport Performance Award, are based on athletic achievement.

Financial support for the awards will be provided from an initial investment made by TransCanada in 1987. The investment has grown for more than 25 years and will help support the WinSport Athlete Development Fund for decades to come.

“TransCanada has been dedicated to supporting the communities where we live and operate for over 60 years,” says Tony Palmer, senior vice-president, Stakeholder Relations, TransCanada. “Our long-term relationship with WinSport is a testament to our shared understanding of the role athletics plays in empowering youth, encouraging leadership and building strong communities.”

Eligible athletes will typically range in age between 15 and 18 years old and may include, but not be limited to, National Sport School athletes, WinSport Academy athletes, Provincial Sport Organization athletes or other gifted athletes who are members of the sport community at large.

“WinSport is honoured to partner with a company that has had such a significant impact on our country,” says WinSport president and CEO Barry Heck. “This new fund is an outstanding opportunity to help our young developing athletes achieve their goals and realize their athletic dreams.”

Details on how to apply for the awards, which will be distributed in March, will be announced in January at www.winsport.ca.

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About WinSport

The Winter Sport Institute provides world-class sport facilities where Canadian athletes can discover, develop and excel. WinSport owns and operates Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alta., the Bill Warren Training Centre located at the Canmore Nordic Centre and the Beckie Scott High Performance Training Centre on Haig Glacier, Alta. A not-for-profit organization, WinSport supports national sport organizations, encourages educational opportunities and subsidizes the operation of unique training and recreational facilities used by the nation's top athletes and the general public. For more information on WinSport please visit www.winsport.ca.

About TransCanada

With more than 60 years' experience, TransCanada is a leader in the responsible development and reliable operation of North American energy infrastructure including natural gas and oil pipelines, power generation and gas storage facilities. TransCanada operates a network of natural gas pipelines that extends more than 68,500 kilometres (42,500 miles), tapping into virtually all major gas supply basins in North America. TransCanada is one of the continent's largest providers of gas storage and related services with more than 400 billion cubic feet of storage capacity. A growing independent power producer, TransCanada owns or has interests in over 11,800 megawatts of power generation in Canada and the United States. TransCanada is developing one of North America's largest oil delivery systems. TransCanada's common shares trade on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges under the symbol TRP. For more information visit: <http://www.transcanada.com/> or check us out on Twitter @TransCanada or <http://blog.transcanada.com/>

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