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OVIVO RENEWS AND STRENGTHENS ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH AQUAACTION AS A PREFERRED PARTNER OF THE ORGANIZATION

MONTREAL, DECEMBER 16, 2021 - Ovivo Inc. ("Ovivo") and AquaAction announce their renewed and strengthened partnership today after 5 years of successful collaboration. This partnership is based on a shared belief in the positive impact technology and innovation can have for freshwater, and of the potential of a new generation of young innovators and entrepreneurs to build a better future where communities and eco-systems can thrive. In supporting AquaAction as one of its preferred partners, Ovivo is ensuring the development of tangible solutions to restoring freshwater health across North America.

"As a global water treatment solutions provider, our vision is to be the preferred partner for those who value water as much as we do, like AquaAction does. We are very proud to support and accelerate their activities and to enable our employees to be engaged in their very innovative program, especially the AquaHacking Challenge™, which highlights the entrepreneurial spirit that drives us and our core values of innovation, teamwork and expertise to create sustainable water solutions for a better environmental future for our communities", said Marc Barbeau, President and CEO of Ovivo.

Francois de Gaspé Beaubien, Chair of the AquaAction board of directors is equally proud: "Ovivo has been a deeply committed and engaged partner since 2017 and we are so grateful to renew and grow the partnership with them. We have bold aspirations of what can be achieved through our programming and working alongside organizations like Ovivo, with which we share a fundamental commitment to restoring freshwater health, which motivates us and strengthens our resolve. The complex nature of freshwater issues requires collaboration across sectors. We are very proud to have Ovivo as our exclusive water sector preferred partner."

As two Canadian organizations sharing common values, Ovivo and AquaAction will collaborate to inspire young innovators, support budding water tech entrepreneurs and activate their solutions to ensure they are turned into measurable results. The organizations also share a commitment to meaningful impact and engagement with Indigenous communities, in the spirit of helping to achieve Reconciliation through freshwater. Water is the essence of life itself and they are compelled to work towards securing a sustainable water future for all.

To learn more about AquaAction, visit the [website](#) and have a look at their latest impact report.



About Ovivo Inc.

Ovivo is a global provider of equipment, technology, and systems producing among the purest water and treating some of the most challenging wastewater in the industry. Ovivo is a powerful global brand with renowned trademarks, possessing more than 150 years of expertise and references in water treatment, supported by its proprietary products, advanced technologies, and extensive system integration know-how. Ovivo delivers conventional to highly technological water treatment solutions for the industrial and municipal markets, and leverages its large installed base of equipment around the world to offer parts and services to its customers. Ovivo is dedicated to innovation in an industry that is in constant evolution and offers water treatment solutions that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and environmentally sustainable.

Ovivo operates an integrated global platform in 15 countries and employs more than 1,000 worldwide experts in water treatment. Ovivo is owned by German SKion Water GmbH, a global technology and solutions provider as well as plant manufacturer, in both municipal and industrial water and wastewater technology. SKion Water is a subsidiary of German entrepreneur Susanne Klatten's investment holding SKion GmbH.

For more information, visit our website at www.ovivowater.com

About AquaAction

AquaAction is registered Canadian charity, established by the de Gaspé Beaubien Foundation in 2012. Nan-b and Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien II prompted their grandchildren to find their own voice as future philanthropists by asking them what issues were of concern to them. Members of the family's 14th generation were of one mind: their biggest concern was water. Believing in the passion and creativity of youth and the value of entrepreneurship for change, AquaAction was born. Driven to disrupt the status quo with innovative ideas and to engaging young entrepreneurs with a can-do mindset, AquaAction runs three tech-focused programs: the AquaHacking Challenge, the AquaHacking Alumni Program and AquaEntrepreneur. Since its inception, 36 youth-led water tech start-ups have been established across Canada.

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