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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CREATES JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH GREENHOUSE EXPANSION

SIMCOE, ONTARIO, APRIL 7, 2010 – The Government of Canada is creating five new jobs and boosting economic growth in Norfolk County by expanding a local greenhouse. The Clearwater Gardens initiative will use the loan of \$125,000 to buy 50,000 bulbs, increasing sales and wholesale export opportunities.

The announcement was made today by the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, on behalf of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz.

"I'm so pleased to deliver funding for this greenhouse expansion. It will contribute to the local economy and it will bring new jobs to our area," said Minister Finley. "As we begin to see signs of economic recovery, our Conservative Government continues to invest in important local projects, like this one, to help strengthen Norfolk County, and communities like it, right across Canada."

Calla lilies are considered a high value crop with a wide-range of floral uses. The greenhouse will purchase 50,000 bulbs not currently being grown elsewhere in the region and will begin production early this year. The potted flowers will be marketed to the Greater Toronto Area, Québec and the U.S., that will help retain and create jobs in the community.

This investment is provided through the Sand Plains Community Development Fund which targets community-based initiatives that support regional development, attract and retain people and investment, and stimulate business development and job creation.

For more information on the Sand Plains Community Development Fund, please visit www.ontcfdc.com or www.sandplains.ca.

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