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Palmarès des entreprises au féminin [Women's Enterprise Awards] VALÉRIE AND MÉLISSA BERGER SHINE IN THE LARGE COMPANY CATEGORY

Saint-Modeste (Quebec), January 23, 2023—It is with great pride and gratitude that the Berger company saw the names of its co-presidents and CEOs among the winners of the last *Palmarès des entreprises au féminin*. (Top women-owned businesses in Quebec) This ranking aims to promote women entrepreneurs who head large companies and who contribute to the growth of the Quebec economy, among other things through their female leadership.

On Monday, January 23, the magazine *Premières en affaires* unveiled the big winners of the 4th edition of its famous awards, among whom were Valérie and Mélissa Berger.

"We're very happy to see our company rewarded in this way", stated Valérie Berger, co-president and CEO of Berger. "It's even more of an honour for us to find ourselves in the company of all these other exceptional businesswomen."

Berger is a third-generation family business, which currently operates 11 peat bogs and 9 factories in North America and employs over 800 professionals located right across Canada, the United States and Central America.

"It's a real privilege for us not only to manage an innovative company such as Berger, but also to be able to do it on a daily basis with motivated people who have the company's success at heart. We want to be actively involved in the socio-economic development of the communities where we do business," added Mélissa Berger, co-president and CEO of Berger. "We accept this distinction with great humility, especially since it coincides with Berger's 60th birthday."

Presented by the *Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec*, the awards are produced in collaboration with the Scotiabank Women's Initiative, the BDC, Sun Life and the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University, with the support of the Quebec CPA Order, EY and the participation of the Réseau des Femmes d'affaires du Québec et de Léger [Quebec Business Women's Network and Léger].





The awards can be consulted in their entirety at: premieresenaffaires.com

About Berger

Berger is a third-generation family business created in 1963 which specializes in the field of peat moss and horticultural mixtures. It has developed a network which includes 11 harvest sites and 9 production plants in North America. Our actions at Berger focus on social commitment and sustainable development.

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