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***Canada Company Military Employment Transition Program – 10,000 Jobs Coalition Update***

**Toronto, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016** – The 10,000 Jobs Coalition, under Canada Company’s Military Employment Transition (MET) Program, has released its results, which are current for the fourth quarter of 2015. We are proud to announce that our Coalition members have hired a total of 1,266 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and Veterans since the program’s inception in 2012.

The Canada Company MET Program continues to expand, and encourages employers from across Canada to join the effort to hire transitioning CAF members and Veterans, and create a smoother transition from military employment to a civilian career.

The MET Program also reached two key milestones in Q4 of 2015, with over 5,200 registered members, and 180 certified military friendly Employer Partners joining on since 2012. Surpassing our goal of 5,000 members and 180 Employer Partners will help the MET Program continue to place Veterans and transitioning members into meaningful employment, as we move towards our overarching goal of 10,000 Veteran hires by 2023.

Canada Company was founded in 2006, and started the MET program in 2012 with the aim of establishing, educating, and driving the connection and relationship between Canadian Armed Forces members and Veterans, and the leaders in the public and private sector offering employment opportunities. The MET Program is one of the many efforts on the part of Canada Company to honour and serve Canadian Armed Forces members and their families.

With approximately 5,000 Canadian Armed Forces members releasing from service each year, there is a growing untapped talent pool in Canada. Assisting Veterans in finding civilian employment offers an opportunity to bring a group of highly trained and skilled individuals into the private sector.

For more information on how to join the Canada Company MET coalition and to see the full list of Coalition members, visit <https://www.canadacompany.ca/canadacompany/met/en/index.jsp>

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