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Viterra contributes NZ\$100,000 towards New Zealand earthquake rescue and relief

Viterra announced today a donation of NZ\$100,000 in support of the ongoing rescue and relief efforts in Christchurch, New Zealand, following a major earthquake on Tuesday, February 22. The donation will go to the New Zealand Red Cross 2011 Earthquake Appeal.

Viterra employs approximately 115 people in its New Zealand operations, which include four feed mills, two maize processing plants and several bulk commodity stores. Only minor damages occurred to a mill and one of the bulk commodity stores located near Christchurch.

The company is known for generously supporting communities in need through its corporate social responsibility program.

Mayo Schmidt, President and Chief Executive Officer said: "The enormity of what has happened to Christchurch is drawing people together across the world to bring help and support to the city and surrounding areas."

"Our sympathies and thoughts go out to the people of Christchurch and the communities nearby. While we are thankful that our New Zealand employees are accounted for and safe, we know that others have not been as fortunate and we want to be among the first to say we are there and ready to help with ongoing rescue initiatives and rebuilding efforts," Schmidt added.

Rob Gordon, Viterra's President, South East Asia said whilst the company is making a corporate donation employees were also keen to help.

"Viterra employees will be launching fundraising initiatives that will be matched with corporate dollars," he said.

About Viterra

Viterra provides premium quality ingredients to leading global food manufacturers. Headquartered in Canada, the global agribusiness has extensive operations in Western Canada, North America, Australia and New Zealand. Our growing international presence also extends to offices in Japan, Singapore, China, Switzerland, Italy, Ukraine and Germany. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, we operate in three distinct businesses: grain handling and marketing, agri-products, and processing. Our expertise, close relationships with producers, and superior logistical assets allow the company to consistently meet the needs of the most discerning end-use customers, helping to fulfill the nutritional needs of people around the world. TSX: VT ASX: VTA

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