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Investment Agriculture Foundation Appoints New Executive Director

November 21, 2017 – Victoria, B.C. The Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C. (IAF) is pleased to announce that Michelle Koski will lead the Foundation as its new Executive Director, effective January 9, 2018.

“On behalf of the board, I am pleased to welcome Michelle to the Investment Agriculture Foundation,” said Ken Bates, IAF Chair.

As Executive Director, Ms. Koski will be responsible for achieving the goals and objectives set out by the board and will represent the Foundation in its relations with B.C.’s agriculture and food industries, government funding partners and other stakeholders. Michelle will also be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Foundation.

“Michelle brings a wealth of senior management experience that will serve the Foundation and the needs of industry today and long into the future,” added Bates. “Michelle’s history with the federal government and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, her strong relationship with the Province and Ministry of Agriculture, and her extensive knowledge of the agriculture and agri-food industry in B.C. makes her an excellent choice as our executive director.”

Ms. Koski comes to the Foundation after serving as Deputy Director for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, B.C. region for the past nine years. She also has an extensive background in regional economic development, international trade and program design.

Prior to joining the Government of Canada, Ms. Koski worked as an economist in the dairy industry. She holds a B.Sc in Agriculture and an M.Sc in Agricultural Economics.

“I have always been passionate about agriculture and I am honored to be the next Executive Director of the Foundation. I look forward to working with the highly competent and passionate staff at IAF to continue their excellent work in program delivery and to forge new partnerships and collaborations with B.C.’s diverse and world-class agriculture, agri-food and seafood sectors.”

Ms. Koski’s appointment was made following the announcement last May that, after 12 years as Executive Director, Peter Donkers would be retiring by the end of 2017.

Ms. Koski will maintain an office in Victoria and in Vancouver, where she resides with her family.

IAF is a not-for-profit organization that works with industry and government to invest in ideas and projects that enhance the competitiveness, profitability and sustainability of B.C.’s agriculture and agri-food sectors.

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