

## BENTALL KENNEDY NAMED COMPANY OF THE YEAR BY THE WWF-CANADA'S LIVING PLANET @ WORK PROGRAM

**TORONTO, CANADA (November 18, 2014)** – Bentall Kennedy is recognized as Living Planet @ Work's 2014 Company of the Year by WWF-Canada for their leadership and commitment to employee engagement and sustainability. The award is part of WWF-Canada's Living Planet @ Work program, which addresses environmental challenges by empowering organizations across the country to drive sustainable practices in the workplace though employee engagement, management-level collaboration and fundraising for conservation. The top distinction recognizes strong leadership by an organization across all three fronts.

Sustainability is a critical area of business focus for Bentall Kennedy as well as a powerful driver of employee and tenant satisfaction. For several years, the company in Canada has run a successful sustainability program to help its Property Management teams and building tenants reduce their eco-footprints. A number of Bentall Kennedy's commercial clients have used this program to engage their own employees, even in buildings managed by other companies.

"As a landlord, we are increasingly asking our tenants to work with us to improve environmental performance of our buildings, and we must lead by example," says Remco Daal, President & COO for Bentall Kennedy in Canada. "We are very pleased to have earned this Company of the Year distinction, given our core belief that sustainability-related programs are simply better business for us and for the tenants we serve."

David Miller, President and CEO of WWF-Canada, presented Bentall Kennedy with the Company of the Year award on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the WWF-Canada 2014 Annual Public Meeting in Toronto. This award, among other recent sustainability recognitions, is a testament to Bentall Kennedy's ongoing commitment to improve, innovate and ensure strong implementation across all of our sustainability and engagement programs. The press release from WWF-Canada on awards for 2014 can be found <u>here</u>.

For 2014, Bentall Kennedy was also recognized by the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) as the top firm globally (Global Leader) for the Diversified property type as well as the top North American firm (Regional Leader) for the Diversified – Large Cap property type.

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