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## **FORTRESS SECURES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR PLANNED BIOPRODUCTS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

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Fortress Global Enterprises Inc. (“Fortress” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Fortress Xylitol Inc., has entered into a definitive contribution agreement with Natural Resources Canada (“NRCan”) whereby NRCan has committed \$10 million in contribution funding to support the planned construction of a xylitol and complementary bioproducts demonstration plant at Fortress’ dissolving pulp mill in Thurso, Québec (the “Demonstration Plant”). This funding from NRCan is in addition to the anticipated federal and provincial investments, grants, and loans of up to \$17.4 million previously announced by Fortress on July 11, 2018 that remain subject to completion of definitive documentation.

The Demonstration Plant is intended to demonstrate technology for the co-production of value-added and sustainable bioproducts that can help transform the mill into a biorefinery. The process is expected to validate performance and produce pre-commercial quantities of food-grade xylitol and complementary bioproducts for testing and use by customers.

“The Demonstration Plant project builds on the acquisition of S2G Biochemicals Inc. and the Company’s hemicellulose project at the Thurso mill,” stated Giovanni Iadeluca, President and CEO of Fortress. “We are very grateful for NRCan’s support of this important project which could have a transformative impact on the optimization of wood resource utilization.”

### **About Fortress Global Enterprises Inc.**

Fortress operates its dissolving pulp business at the Fortress Specialty Cellulose Inc. mill located in Thurso, Québec, Canada, which also operates in the renewable energy generation sector through its cogeneration facility. Fortress operates its bioproducts business through Fortress Advanced Bioproducts Inc., which has laboratory and pilot plant facilities in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

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### **Forward-Looking Information**

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certain risks and uncertainties including, without limitation: that market conditions for dissolving pulp will not improve or will worsen; the Company will not realize anticipated cost savings from its cost reduction initiatives; equipment will not operate as intended and additional issues relating to equipment repairs will arise; there may be delays, cost overruns and financing or other impediments in implementing the xylitol project; and other risk factors detailed in the Company's most recent Annual Information Form and other filings with Canadian securities regulatory authorities. These risks, as well as others, could cause actual results and events to vary significantly. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking information, except as required by applicable securities law.