

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Windsor-Essex Parlays Expertise In Agriculture Into A Whole New Industry

Windsor-Essex County, Ontario, Tuesday, January 7, 2014 – Today, CEN Biotech a subsidiary of Creative Edge Nutrition announced a \$12 million investment in Windsor-Essex, here in Lakeshore, responding to what is a growing medical industry. Last year Health Canada performed a review of their policies governing the control of medical use of doctor prescribed marijuana. The review created a new regime of a highly controlled protocol for each doctor's prescription.

"It's interesting to note that Windsor-Essex might indeed be the prime location to marry high level security with agribusiness expertise. Today, Health Canada has moved **CEN Biotech** one step closer to that reality. We are especially pleased to be here today for an economic development announcement that will benefit the whole region." **stated Sandra Pupatello, CEO of the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation.** 

Joseph Byrne, an investor of CEN Biotech, Owner of Joseph Byrne Law Firm and Byrne Produce stated, "I could not think of a better community to launch this new industry than Windsor-Essex for two very good reasons. Our community houses the continent's most robust, secure border environment, and as a hub for agriculture expertise, our region boasts the country's best hub for horticulture. I am delighted to be part of a \$12 million investment.

**Bill Chaaban, President of CEN Biotech added,** "The review of policies governing the control of medical use of doctor prescribed marijuana created an opportunity for us to use our skills and expertise to create a highly controlled environment for this medical application. I am very pleased to announce today, the beginning of **CEN Biotech** in Windsor-Essex".

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