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PlantForm wins at MaRS HealthKick 2014

Company takes home top honour and \$20,000 prize in Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals track

GUELPH, Ont., May 16, 2014—PlantForm Corporation is the winner of the **MaRS HealthKick 2014** pitch competition in the Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals track. The competition, held yesterday in Toronto, saw a total of 45 companies compete in three showcase tracks before a panel of distinguished judges. MaRS HealthKick is Canada's largest healthcare venture showcase.

"We're thrilled and honoured to win at HealthKick," said Dr. Don Stewart, PlantForm President and CEO. "It's important recognition and validation of our technology and business model by leading experts in the industry."

"Our plant-based biopharmaceutical platform will disrupt the biopharmaceutical industry's status quo manufacturing model by significantly reducing the cost of producing important medications for the treatment of cancer and other diseases. This will expand patient access in markets around the world, and alleviate the financial burden on healthcare systems."

PlantForm uses tobacco plants to 'grow' therapeutic antibodies at a fraction of the cost of industry-standard mammalian-cell-based systems. The company's technology features a unique high-expression production system and the ability to produce fully human versions of biologic drugs from plants – two critical innovations that give the company a competitive edge in the biopharmaceutical landscape.

PlantForm Corporation's **pipeline** includes three biosimilar (generic) monoclonal antibodies for cancer, six innovator antibodies for HIV/AIDS, and a novel protein drug designed to protect against nerve agent exposure.

See a video introducing PlantForm. Learn more at www.plantformcorp.com.

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