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## NATIONAL ACCOUNTING FIRM AND LEADING TECH COMPANY JOIN FORCES

AHA Merger with MNP Brings Enhanced Technology Solutions to Clients

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016, CALGARY, AB** – MNP LLP, one of Canada's largest national accounting and business consulting firms, announced today that A Hundred Answers (AHA), an advisory, digital and technology services firm based in Ottawa, will merge with MNP effective October 1, 2016.

"As a firm, we are focused on bolstering our resources and enhancing our technology services for our clients," says Jeremy Cole, Executive Vice President for MNP's Ontario, Quebec & Atlantic Region. "Merging in a full-service advisory, digital and technology firm of leading experts — in this increasingly critical service area — will allow us to build on our existing strengths and bring meaningful results to our clients. This is a win-win situation for both of our firms."

Founded in 2002, AHA and its team of more than 50 staff is a growing, employee-based professional services firm that provides advisory, digital and technology solutions and services to public- and private-sector clients across North America. The firm brings strong technology partner relationships and has extensive experience working on complex business, information management and information technology challenges within the public sector, financial services, telecommunications, health, manufacturing, consumer business, real estate and tourism industries. Led by five principals, their consulting and IT professionals have expertise and specialized technical skills in risk management and privacy, business transformation, IT advisory, CRM, digital integration, data dynamics and information management & governance

"MNP already had a growing technology solutions practice but was looking for a like-minded firm to build on their strategic plans for growth. At the same time, we wanted to expand our service capability across the country while offering other specialty consulting and risk services to our valued clients," added Sean Murphy, Managing Principal and CEO, AHA. "During merger discussions, both firms grew more and more impressed with each other's people, experience and expertise. This is truly a mutually-beneficial union and we are very excited to have found a firm that puts clients first, allowing us to offer them a greater breadth of services."

MNP has more than 75 offices across Canada with over 3,500 team members coast to coast. In addition to tax and accounting expertise, MNP delivers a diverse range of advisory services, including consulting, enterprise risk, corporate finance, valuation and litigation support, succession planning, estate planning, investigative and forensic accounting, cross-border taxation and more.

AHA will remain in their present location in Ottawa for the time being, but will look to integrate office locations with MNP in the future.

## **About MNP LLP**

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