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## **ePACT Supports Canadian Red Cross & Evacuees of BC Summer Forest Fires**

**Vancouver, British Columbia** – ePACT has partnered with the Canadian Red Cross to provide auxiliary technology support in registering residents evacuated during the forest fires impacting British Columbia.

As thousands of residents are being impacted by fires across the Province, ePACT will support immediate data collection and secure sharing of critical information between evacuees and the Canadian Red Cross Disaster Management team. As the only emergency network used by hundreds of organizations and hundreds of thousands of family users across Canada, ePACT is perfectly positioned to act as supplementary technology support to the Red Cross and the Canadians they serve.

“We started ePACT to make a difference to communities preparing for and responded to emergencies”, explains Christine Sommers, CEO & Co-Founder of ePACT. “We are so proud to partner with the Red Cross, and provide our network as added support for the families who have been impacted by these horrific fires.”

ePACT is used by schools, community centres, sports associations, camps, clubs, employers and other organizations who support families day-to-day and in a crisis. Families create an emergency account to quickly and easily share critical information with friends, relatives and organizations. Once connected, users can share critical data and documents, and receive email, text, and voice messaging sent through this highly secure online system.

As multiple communities continue to be evacuated due to forest fires, ePACT will be used to collect the necessary information for Red Cross to initiate and evaluate evacuees’ needs for support services. Families will be able to use their existing ePACT account to share information with the Red Cross if they have used ePACT services in past, or they can create a new account in minutes to connect and share their data as part of the Red Cross registration process.

ePACT and the Red Cross are partnering across and number of initiatives, and this is the first occasion where the two organizations come together to leverage technology and help Canadians with emergency preparedness and response needs.

**About ePACT Network Ltd.**

ePACT is changing the way the world prepares for life's emergencies. As your emergency network, ePACT better connects and protects your family, organization and community through any crisis. ePACT Network Ltd. is based in North Vancouver, British Columbia. The company was founded by Christine Sommers and Kirsten Koppang Telford in 2012 after speaking with survivors of the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami. The ePACT team is made up of emergency management specialists and web technology experts, committed to helping North American communities better manage any crisis.

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