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TORONTO INVESTMENT FIRM INCREASES SPONSORSHIP OF HALTON HILLS EQUESTRIAN EVENT IN 2005

Marquest Investment Counsel Inc. is proud to announce an increased purse for the **2nd Annual Marquest Mini Prix**, held at the National **Oktoberfest Country Classic** Hunter/Jumper Competition at Halton Place on July 10, 2005.

The class is open to amateur jumper riders and professionally ridden young and developing horses competing on the 'A' equestrian circuit, the national hunter/jumper circuit in Canada. The renowned Danny Foster, a Georgetown equestrian celebrity, will design the Marquest Mini Prix jumping course. The Mini Prix course mirrors the complexity and technique of a Grand Prix course, but is set at a jump height suitable for amateur riders (1.10 meters high). Marquest Investment Counsel Inc. has increased the Marquest Mini Prix purse to **\$4,500.00** in 2005, which makes it the **richest class of its kind in Ontario**.

The host event, the Oktoberfest Country Classic, is a jam-packed three day hunter and jumper competition. Features of the show include a Vendor Trade Fair, German beer garden, Oktoberfest music, demonstrations, a free children's village and a Miniature Horse Show. **Marquest Investment Counsel Inc.**, who's investment philosophy aims to build investment portfolios via exceptional companies with strong growth prospects and reasonable valuations, is very excited about participation in this Halton Hills national sporting event.

"We are proud to sponsor the Marquest Mini Prix at the Oktoberfest Country Classic," says partner, Michael Greer. "We hope that our increased prize purse will encourage competition amongst young and upcoming riders and horses in Ontario as well as increase the challenge and reward of competing at the national level."

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