Startup Weekend Names Canada’s Groupnotes the Global Startup Battle Champion

138 competing teams around the world created more than 1,200 new startups over two weekends.

SEATTLE (PRWEB) December 05, 2012 -- Today, Startup WeekendTM announced that Canadian startup team Groupnotes has won the 2012 Global Startup Battle. The competition was designed to foster friendly competition and community awareness among the global Startup Weekend community during Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW).

More than 130 communities spread over five continents held Startup Weekends over two weekends before and after GEW – Nov. 9-11, 2012 and Nov. 16-18, 2012. In total, more than 10,000 attendees, mentors, speakers and judges worked on startup ideas during these events, resulting in thousands of ideas pitched and more than 1,200 new startups created.

The 138 winning teams from the Startup Weekend events then had 24 hours, 15 words and 90 seconds to create a video to pitch their newly created startup. Once all the videos were posted, people from around the world voted for their favorite startups, resulting in 15 semi-finalists from 13 countries.

The ultimate Global Startup Battle winner, Groupnotes, was chosen by a world-class panel of judges, including Foundry Group co-founder Brad Feld, Zappos CEO Tony Hsieh, TaskRabbit founder Leah Busque, prominent fund manager Chris Hollo and actress/serial entrepreneur Jesse Draper.

Groupnotes, founded by a team from Toronto, is a collaboration tool for businesses and teachers to use while doing research. Groupnotes promotes productivity by letting users easily share, annotate and comment on websites while conducting research online.

The Groupnotes team will receive a prize package worth more than $50,000, including:

• A trip to Rio De Janeiro to attend the Global Entrepreneurship Congress - Sponsored by Global Entrepreneurship Week
• A trip to San Francisco to tour Googleplex and meet with founders, mentors and investors - Sponsored by Google
• $5,000 in-kind PR launch package - Sponsored by Geben Communication
• $5,000 worth of design services - Sponsored by Btrax
• $5,000 incorporation and legal package - Sponsored by Cooley LLP
• $20,000 in Google Cloud credit - Sponsored by Google

About Startup Weekend
Startup Weekend™ supports the development and expansion of entrepreneurship through events worldwide that educate aspiring entrepreneurs by immersing them in the process of moving an idea to market. Startup Weekend has built a network of more than 75,000 alumni, thousands of volunteer organizers and 100 trained facilitators spread across more than 350 cities in more than 100 countries. Kauffman Foundation, Google, Microsoft, .Co, Sendgrid and Domain.com are sponsors. For more information, visit www.startupweekend.org
About Global Entrepreneurship Week
Global Entrepreneurship Week is the world’s largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare. During one week each November, thousands of events and competitions around the world inspire millions to engage in entrepreneurial activity while connecting them to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors. Now in its fifth year, Global Entrepreneurship Week has expanded to 130 countries—empowering nearly 20 million people through 125,000 activities over that time. Powered by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the initiative is supported by dozens of world leaders and a growing network of 24,000 partner organizations. For more information, visit www.unleashingideas.org and follow @unleashingideas on Twitter.
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