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Canadian GeoExchange Coalition honours excellence & leadership in renewable energy management industry

Issues call for entries for first annual awards

Montréal, September 25th, 2006 – As geoechange technology becomes progressively more widespread in Canada, the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) is recognizing industry excellence and leadership for the first time since its inception in 2002.

Ongoing concerns about air quality, green house gas emissions, and lack of clean, cost-efficient energy is translating heightened consumer awareness into action.

“Increasingly, Canadians are choosing geoechange systems to service their energy needs in a more cost-efficient and responsible manner,” says Denis Tanguay, Executive Director of Montreal-based CGC. “By honouring industry excellence and leadership we want to demonstrate to consumers that not only is the technology reliable, but the professionals who install and design systems are top notch as well.”

The first annual Prizes for Excellence and Leadership are open to any Canadian individual, company or organization that is involved in the domestic geoechange industry. The prizes will be awarded during the 1st National Geoechange Business and Policy Forum gala dinner held on November 27th, 2006 at the Hilton Lac-Leamy in Gatineau, Quebec. Deadline for entries is October 23, 2006.

To ensure objectivity, an independent jury of energy experts have agreed to manage the selection process. Jury members include: Dr. Murray Stewart, President of the Energy Council of Canada, Mr. Tyler Hamilton, Columnist, Toronto Star, Mr. Simon Knight, Acting President and CEO, Climate Change Central and Mr. Bruce Sampson, Vice-President, Sustainability, BC Hydro. The CGC does not have a voice on the assessment or adjudication panels.

Information on eligibility criteria and entry procedures for the 2006 Canadian GeoExchange Coalition Prizes for Excellence and leadership is available at www.geo-exchange.ca

The Canadian GeoExchange™ Coalition acts as the industry catalyst to unite private and public sector stakeholders, and to expand the market for ground source heat pumps and geoechange™ technology in Canada. As the nexus of information, training, certification, standards and public awareness, our mandate is to work with stakeholders to build the necessary infrastructure to foster the growth of the Canadian geoechange™ industry.

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