

GLOBE 2008 ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR GLOBE AWARDS – CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN THE BUSINESS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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Vancouver, Canada: The GLOBE Foundation is proud to announce the finalists of this year's GLOBE Awards for Environmental Excellence. Chosen from a record number of submissions from some of Canada's most respected organizations, this year's awards, **being presented on Thursday, March 13 between 8:00 and 10:30pm at the Crystal Pavilion of the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver**, celebrate Canadian companies that have taken a proactive approach to sustainable business strategies and that have made significant strides towards developing progressive technologies and services.

"I have been involved with GLOBE since its inception in 1990 and I continue to be impressed with the quality of applicants to the GLOBE Awards," says Nicholas Sonntag, Executive VP, Corporate Development and President of Westport Asia and judge for the 2008 GLOBE Awards. "The innovation and creativity displayed by the applicants in each category not only make the selection of a winner challenging but also demonstrate the exciting growth in corporate commitment to sustainability across Canada."

In all, there are six awards being presented during the ceremony with each recognizing excellence and commitment to sustainable development within different business sectors. **The Award for Technology Innovation and Application** acknowledges a company or group of companies that have demonstrated that they can succeed in environmental and clean energy technologies and services. This year's finalists include Ford Motors (Canada), Nexterra, Paradigm Environmental Technologies, and Trojan Technologies.

Chrysalix Energy Venture Capital, Ethical Funds, and Toronto Atmospheric Fund are all finalists for **The Award for Sustainable Investment and Banking**. This award has been developed to recognize a North American or global financial institution who has developed new portfolios, debt or investment structures & instruments or targeted funds for Canadian environmental technology or clean energy markets.

Celebrating environmental technology or service companies that have demonstrated the drive, talent and innovative spirit to have successfully carved out a place in the global environmental marketplace, the **Industry Award for Export Performance** finalists have been identified as leaders in this sector: BioteQ Environmental Technologies, JER Envirotech and Tantalus Systems.

In the category of **Excellence in Urban Sustainability**, which will be presented to a local government, private sector company, or consortium, which has developed and applied outstanding urban sustainability, the finalists are: Beasley and Associates, Planning Inc., Busby Perkins+Will, CIVITAS (for the Plan Abu Dhabi 2030), Dockside Green, and Millennium Water (for the Vancouver's 2010 Olympic Village).

The Corporate Award for Environmental Excellence is presented to a Canadian corporation with a proven record of environmental stewardship that has materially contributed to economic competitiveness through a commitment to environmental excellence that is integrated with a corporate-wide approach to sustainability. Finalists in this category are: EnCana Corporation, G.A.P. Adventures, General Motors of Canada and Hudson's Bay Company.

This year, **The Corporate Award for Environmental Excellence** also includes the **ecoFREIGHT Transportation Award**. Presented to a shipper, carrier or other transportation service provider, this special award recognizes an outstanding commitment to sustainable practices. APPS Transport Group, Novex Delivery Solutions and Purolator Courier and Azure Dynamics have the prestige of being finalists in this award category.

ECO Canada will also be presenting their 2008 Environmental Employer of the Year Awards at the ceremony this year.

Finalists for the 2008 GLOBE Awards will be judged on both their business expertise and environmental ingenuity by a panel of professionals well known in the Canadian corporate community. Robert A. Fung, Advisor, Macquarrie Capital Markets Canada; Robert J.D Page, TransAlta Professor of Environmental Management & Sustainability, Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment & Economy, University of Calgary; Nicholas Sonntag, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development for Westport Innovations and President, Westport Asia; P. Wayne Soper, President, Smart Living Media Inc.

For a complete list of GLOBE award finalists visit www.theglobeawards.ca

The GLOBE Awards are held every year in either Toronto or Vancouver. The 2008 event is being held in conjunction with GLOBE 2008, one of the largest international platforms on the business of the environment, which will bring together environmental business leaders and corporate environmental managers, March 12 - 14, 2008 at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre.

About GLOBE

GLOBE 2008 is produced by the GLOBE Foundation, an international consultancy organization in the business of the environment. GLOBE's expertise lies in project management, event development, and management and consulting in the fields of environment and energy, urban development, and corporate responsibility. The GLOBE Foundation is North America's longest operating producer of environmental events, having produced the GLOBE series since 1993.

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