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BC Environment Industry Association Newsletter

BCEIA meets with BC Environment Minister

Vancouver, December 6, 2005 – BCEIA President Bob Symington of Gandalf Consulting led a delegation of Board members in a round of meetings with BC Environment Ministry officials and with Environment Minister Barry Penner last week.

Meetings were held on Nov. 30th, 2005 with Rob Dalrymple and members of his staff of the Hazardous Waste group and Msrs. Symington, Al Wightman of Positive Results, Brain Stuckert of Quantum, Gary Webster of Newalta and Frank Came, ED of BCEIA. The discussions included a review of the Waste Discharge Regulation, offers of assistance from the Association in obtaining feedback to the Draft Codes of Practice, the tracking of hazardous wastes in the province and facility certifications. Mr. Dalrymple expressed his appreciation of our feedback and an understanding of how our Association could assist his department in reaching its objectives. Mr. Dalrymple is currently working on clearly defined initiatives in the area of hazardous waste, which should prove beneficial to industry and the environment.

Following the meeting with the Hazardous Waste group, Msrs, Symington, Came and Webster met with Mr. Mike McFarlane, Head of the Contaminated Sites group and Mr. Glyn Fox.. Discussions focused on planned changes to the 'Roster System' for the certification of contaminated sites; liability issues affecting small and medium sized companies; and planned regulatory changes and priorities. Mr. McFarlane is well aware of industry concerns with liability provisions for the existing Roster system and proposed Contaminated Sites Approved Professional (CSAP) system and is working with insurance officials, the Roster Steering Committee and APEGBC and the other professional associations to address this issue.

On Dec 1st, Msrs Symington, Webster and Came met with Minister Barry Penner and Director Charles Porter. Prior to this meeting the Association has sent a briefing package to the minister outlining some suggestions with respect to the current hazardous waste systems in the province. Minister Penner is a quick study and

demonstrated an in depth understanding of how hazardous wastes are generated, transported, stored and disposed of in the province. Minister Penner recognizes the importance insuring that hazardous wastes do not pose a threat to the environment or people of BC, and is committed to minimizing the risk that situations, such as occurred at the Canadian Petroleum Corporation (CPC) site in Abbotsford, do not happen again. Minister Penner had some well thought out suggestions of how our Association could assist the ministry in its objectives, which we will be following up on in the New Year.

On behalf of the Association Mr. Symington would like to thank Minister Penner and his staff for the opportunity to meet with them and to present our suggestions. Most of all our Association would like to compliment Mr. Penner on the atmosphere of openness with industry that has originated in his office and now permeates his ministry. The Association will be working with ministry officials in the New Year to continue the dialogue.

Full reports on these discussions will be provided in future BCEIA newsletters.

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BCEIA will be at GLOBE 2006

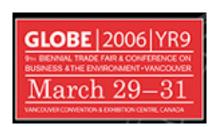
Vancouver, December 6, 2005 - Once again BCEIA will have a booth at the GLOBE 2006 Trade Fair taking place on March 29-31, 2006. This will be the 9th event in the highly successful GLOBE Series on the business of the environment. It will bring more than 2,000 delegates and speakers from more than 75 countries to Vancouver.

Typically, the GLOBE Trade Fair attracts over 8,000 visitors seeking information on the latest technologies and practical solutions to pressing environmental problems. Buyer missions from Asia, South America, Europe and elsewhere in North America will be on hand.

Many BCEIA members will also be exhibiting at GLOBE 2006. ALS Environmental, AMEC Earth & Environmental, DynaMotive Energy Systems, Golder Associates Inc., International Bio Recovery Corp., Jacques Whitford Limited, NORAM Biosystems Inc., and Richway Environmental Technologies Ltd., are but a few of those who will also be present.

In the coming weeks more information on BCEIA's planned activities at GLOBE 2006 will be circulated.

Further information on GLOBE 2006 is available at the following link: www.globe2006.com







Happy Holidays from BCEIA Board

BCEIA Board Meets

Vancouver, December 6, 2005 – The last BCEIA Board Meeting for 2005 was held on November 24th at the Terminal City Club in Vancouver.

Matters discussed included the results of BCEIA's participation in the Canadian Waste and recycling Expo (reported on in last week's Newsletter), and the planned meeting with Environment Minister Barry Penner (See main news item above).

A report was provided on the comparative costs of membership for environment industry and related associations across Canada. No changes were decided with respect to the membership tariffs for BCEIA membership, though it was agreed that stronger efforts would be made in the weeks ahead to catch up on outstanding membership dues for 2005.

Two news committees were struck. A Nominating Committee under the Chairmanship of Board Member Al Wightman will solicit and review nominations for next year's BCEIA Board. An External Trade Committee will be launched in the New Year under the chairmanship of Board Member David Fung to pursue business opportunities in the export market.

Other items discussed were BCEIA's participation in GLOBE 2006 (See related news item), and an update on efforts currently underway to establish a BC Branch of the US-based National Brownfields Association.

News Briefs

[http://www.bceia.com/news/]

BC receives E-Visionary Award

VANCOUVER, December 8, 2005 – The World Electric Vehicle Association will present its E-Visionary Award to Environment Minister Barry Penner today to recognize British Columbia's leadership in alternative energy technology.

Habitat JAM - A Huge Success!

VANCOUVER, B.C., December 6, 2005 (GLOBE-Net) -First they came by the hundreds – then by the thousands. They came from around the world: slum dwellers, teachers, politicians, activists, children, the aged, the landless, the wealthy, bankers, judges, planners. They came to be heard. They came as equals. They came to Habitat JAM - a unique web event launched for first time as a lead up to the 2006 World Urban Forum in Vancouver.

"Black Gold": managing the environmental impacts of oil sands development

VANCOUVER, November 29, 2005 (GLOBE-Net) - Alberta's oil sands have never been more valuable. Investment is now flowing into the region faster than the sticky oil flows out. The industry spends billions of dollars per year, bringing rich government royalties and thousands of jobs. But as production is expected to double in the next 10 years, a sustainable economic and environmental strategy will be needed.

Green building standards adopted

OTTAWA, November 24, 2005 - The Government of Canada is adopting the Go Green Comprehensive program to manage its office buildings in a more environmentally friendly manner.

Solar finds little support in Canada

November 24, 2005 - The sun isn't exactly shining on Canada's solar-power industry, say sector representatives. And Canadian companies that design, manufacture and sell solar-energy technologies are increasingly looking overseas to do business, especially in the booming European market.

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Business Opportunities [http://www.bceia.com/business_opportunities/]

Contaminated sites consultancy opportu-

The Ministry of Environment's Contaminated Sites Program has issued two Requests for Proposals (RFP)

The first seeks review of the legal, policy and scientific and technical standards used by other jurisdictions to address the offsite migration of substances. To view this opportunity: http://www.globe-net.ca/procurement notices/listing.cfm?ID Region=1&ID Opportunity=1780.

The second seeks review and recommendations to enhance the Program's ability to ensure the effectiveness and integrity of contaminated site remediation using a variety of administrative and legal tools under the Environmental Management Act. To view this opportunity: http://www.globe-net.ca/procurement notices/listing. cfm?ID Region=1&ID Opportunity=1781.

Analysis of natural gas for hydrogen production

Natural Resources Canada has a requirement to prepare a report on the analysis of the natural gas and liquid natural gas capacity available for hydrogen production in Canada. This analysis will determine the potential cost associated with the producing and supplying hydrogen-fuelling pathways.

Coal mining efficiency applied science

The US Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining (OSM), National Technology Transfer Team (NTTT) plans on issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) requesting technical and cost proposals for applied science projects that have the potential for improving, in a manner that protects the public and the environment, the efficiency with which the coal industry conducts surface coal mining and reclamation activities and the regulatory authorities regulate these activities.

Kelowna Wastewater Treatment Facility

The City of Kelowna is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) for providing Predesign services for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Stage 2 Phase 1 expansion.

Find these and other Business Opportunities at www.bceia.com/business opportunities

Upcoming Events

December 14th, 2005

SDTC presentation: Renewable Electricity Generation - A Roadmap to New Business,

Investment and Funding Opportunities Please join Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) at an information session on business and investment opportunities in renewable electricity generation. You are invited to a special presentation...

Wednesday, December 14th, 2005 8:00am: Continental Breakfast 8:30am – 10:30am: Information Session Marriott Pinnacle (Downtown) 1128 West Hastings Street, Session Room: Shaunessey Vancouver, B.C.

January 26 - 27, 2006

ECO Canada Conference 2006

The conference will provide input from experts to help participants:

- Identify upcoming environmental business OPPORTUNITIES
- Define STRATEGIES to secure new ventures
- Showcase timely human resource best practices and case studies to promote business GROWTH

February 8 - 10, 2006

A National BioProducts Conference

Network and build awareness with participants from Industry, Academia, & Government A forum to foster the Development, Implementation, & Commercialization of emerging bioproduct technologies.

An opportunity to Feature your Company/Organization at a tradeshow and exhibition.

Registration for the conference/tradeshow is limited To reserve a booth, contact conference@bcbioproducts.ca or phone (604) 602 5240.

GLOBE 2006

Several British Columbia environment industry and related companies have already signed up to exhibit at GLOBE 2006.

The BC Environment Industry Association will be there, will you?

GLOBE 2006 promises to be THE business of the environment event for 2006. It will take place just months before the 2006 World Urban Forum, which will bring thousand of people looking for new technologies and practical solutions to urban environmental problems.

Can you afford not to be there?

For both domestic and international business opportunities, GLOBE 2006 is the place to be in 2006.

Please visit www.globe2006.com for more details or contact Ms. Pat Row at pat.row@globe.ca.

REMINDER - The Earlybird Registration Dead- line is December 15th!

Time is running out for earlybird savings! Register before December 15th and save \$500 off your conference registration, which includes unlimited access to the GLOBE 2006 trade fair. Take advantage of group rates (3 or more attendees from the same organization) for even greater savings. But act quickly this promotion ends soon.

2 Ways to Register
Online at:
http://www.globe2006.com/delegate-register.cfm
or
Download the Registration Form:

http://www.globe2006.com/documents/ GLOBE2006_ConferenceRegForm.pdf



Now in their fifth year, the prestigious GLOBE Awards for Environmental Excellence will once more recognize extraordinary companies and industry groups who have managed to balance competitive business strategies and sustainable development.

The 2006 GLOBE Awards will be awarded next March during the GLOBE 2006 International Conference and Trade Fair on Business and the Environment to be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 29 - 31, 2006.

The GLOBE Awards recognize excellence in a variety of categories from companies and other organizations that have shown outstanding leadership in environmentally sustainable practices in the business sector.

The 2006 edition will include the following categories::

The Corporate Competitiveness Award

The Industry Association Award for Environmental Performance

The Corporate Award for Technology Innovation

The Industry Award for Export Performance

The Capital Markets Award for Sustainable Investment and Banking and

The Award for Excellence in Brownfield Redevelopment.

Recipients of GLOBE Awards will receive extensive recognition through the GLOBE 2006 event and through The Globe and Mail, Canada's national newspaper and a GLOBE Award co-sponsor.

They will also receive important media coverage at the well-attended GLOBE Awards ceremony, and will be prominently displayed on both the GLOBE 2006 and the GLOBE Awards websites.

Nominations for the 2006 edition are now being accepted.

If you are, or know of any organization operating in Canada which would fulfill the drastic selective criteria (!), now is the time to enter your nomination.

The deadline for nominations will be February 10, 2006 and more information can be found on the GLOBE Awards website www.theglobeawards.ca, as well as the "Call for Entry" brochure.





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BCEIA Membership Fees

Classes of Membership

Corporate Voting Member

(annual revenues up to \$500,000) \$300 + \$21.00 GST = \$321.00

Corporate Voting Member

(annual revenues between \$500,001 and \$1,000,000) \$650 + \$45.50 GST = \$695.50

Corporate Voting Member

(annual revenues between \$1,000,001 and \$2,500,000) \$950 + \$66.50 GST = \$1016.50

Corporate Voting Member

(annual revenues over \$2,500,000) \$1250 + \$87.50 GST = \$1337.50

Non-Voting Associate Member

(Gov't, Education, Societies, non-environment industries) \$200 + \$14.00 GST = \$214.00

Non-Voting Individual Member

\$125 + \$8.75 GST = \$133.75

Non-Voting Student Member

\$25 + \$1.75 GST = \$26.75

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