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BC Export Awards celebrates its 25th Anniversary by announcing 2007's Top 25 Exporters
2007 Finalists Announced

Vancouver, BC – Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development and Werner Knittel, Vice President BC Division, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), join together today to announce BC's Top 25 Exporters for 2007.

Started by the Government of British Columbia in 1982, this year marks the 25th Anniversary of the awards celebrating the important role exporting plays in the provincial economy.

BC's top business leaders and government officials will be in attendance at this year's gala in November to help celebrate the announcement of the winners from the eight business categories, and name one company as Exporter of the Year. The 2007 BC Export Awards Gala will take place on November 23, at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver.

"We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity, once again, to showcase the province's top exporters," said Minister Hansen. "This year's group of finalists demonstrates British Columbia's prosperity and entrepreneurial spirit, and our strengthening position as a valued global exporter."

"For 25 years, the BC Export awards have recognized the tremendous impact exporters make to the economy of BC" added Knittel. "This year's finalists reflect the diversity and quality of exports from across the entire province. They also demonstrate the changing nature of BC's export economy and increasing importance of Asia. Many of the companies being recognized are at the forefront of developing BC's Asia Pacific trade relations."

Knittel went on to say "The BC Export Awards are a key tool in raising awareness of the Asia Pacific Gateway Initiative, and its importance for the future of our province's economy."

The awards are open to all BC companies that have been exporting a product or service for two or more years. Since its inception, the BC Export Awards has recognized the achievements of over 275 BC exporters.

This year's Top 25 finalists are:

Advancing Technologies

- 1) Absolute Software, Vancouver, www.absolute.com
- 2) Carmanah Technologies Corp, Victoria, www.carmanah.com
- 3) OceanWorks International, North Vancouver, www.oceanworks.com

Consumer Products

- 1) AbeBooks.com, Victoria, www.abebooks.com
- 2) Gizella Pastry Limited, Vancouver, www.gizellapastry.com (under construction)
- 3) Tamoda Apparel Inc, Vancouver, www.tamoda.com

New Exporter

- 1) BioteQ Environmental Technologies Inc, Vancouver, www.bioteq.ca
- 2) Klondike Kidstuff Inc, Langley, www.klondikekids.com
- 3) Sequel Naturals Ltd, Coquitlam, www.sequelnaturals.com



Manufactured Products

- 1) Enterprise Steel Fabricators Ltd, Kelowna, www.entsf.ca
- 2) IMW Industries Ltd, Chilliwack, www.imw.ca
- 3) Seon Design Inc, Coquitlam, www.seon.com

New Media

- 1) Brightlight Pictures Inc, Burnaby, www.brightlightpictures.com
- 2) Insight Film Studios, Vancouver, www.insightfilm.com
- 3) Next Level Games, Inc, Vancouver, www.nextlevelgames.com

Professional & Services

- 1) Detailed Design and Drafting Services Ltd, Parksville, www.detaileddesign.com
- 2) Vancouver Film School Ltd, Vancouver, www.vfs.com
- 3) YVR Airport Services Ltd, Richmond, www.yvras.com

Primary Products & Services

- 1) Highland Valley Copper, Logan Lake, BC, www.teckcominco.com
- 2) Osprey Marine Ltd/ Mariner Seafoods Ltd, Vancouver, www.marinerseafoods.com
- 3) Tolko Industries Ltd, Vernon, www.tolko.com

Sustainability

- 1) Golder Associates Ltd, Burnaby, www.golder.com
- 2) Hemlock Printers, Burnaby, www.hemlock.com
- 3) Selkirk Recycling, Victoria, www.selkirkrecycling.com

Leadership

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The 2007 BC Export Awards are co-hosted by CME and the Ministry of Economic Development. Presented annually, the Export Awards are open to all BC registered companies that have exported a product or service for two or more years.

Sponsors of this year's awards include RBC Financial Group, Alcan, Export Development Canada, Air Canada Cargo, The Eyes, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Business Development Bank of Canada, KPMG LLP, Fireworks Marketing Group, Hyatt Regency Vancouver, Schenker Logistics, International Financial Centre, TSI Terminal Systems Inc, Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang, Vancouver Port Authority, Western Economic Development, Optimum Public Relations, UPS Canada and Canada Export Centre.

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