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BC Export Awards Announces 2008 Top 25 Exporters
2008 Finalists Announced

Vancouver, BC – Ida Chong, Minister of Technology, Trade and Economic Development and Craig Williams, Vice President BC Division, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), announced BC's Top 25 Exporters for 2008 today.

BC's top business leaders and government officials will be in attendance at this year's gala luncheon to help celebrate the announcement of the winners from the eight business categories and name one company as Exporter of the Year. The 2008 BC Export Awards Gala will take place on November 21, at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver.

"We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to showcase the province's top exporters," said Minister Chong. "This year's group of finalists demonstrates British Columbia's success in an increasingly challenging climate. The finalists this year come from communities all over BC and from diverse economic sectors."

"The BC Export Awards recognize the tremendous impact exporters make to the economy of BC" added Williams. "This year is even more extraordinary than most as our exporters were able to overcome challenges such as a strong currency, a downturn in the U.S. economy, skilled labour shortages and higher transportation costs. The perseverance and determination demonstrated by this year's finalists is a testament to the strength of exporters in BC and the huge impact they have on our 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 more than 275 BC exporters.

This year's Top 25 exporters are:

Advancing Technologies

- Gemcom Software International, Inc., Vancouver, www.gemcomsoftware.com
- Day4 Energy, Inc., Burnaby, www.day4energy.com
- Tranzeo Wireless Technologies, Inc., Pitt Meadows, www.tranzeo.com

Consumer Products

- Coastal Contact, Inc., Vancouver, www.coastalcontacts.com
- Donald's Fine Foods, Richmond, www.donaldsfinefoods.com
- Swagman Bike Racks, Penticton, www.swagman.net

Manufactured Products

- Dinoflex Manufacturing Ltd., Salmon Arm, www.dinoflex.com
- Aluminum Curtainwall Systems, Inc., Kamloops, www.acsinc.ca
- Steelhead Marine Ltd., Mission, www.steelheadmarine.net



New Exporter

- Cogent Industrial Technologies Ltd., Richmond, www.cogentind.ca
- BioteQ Environmental Technologies Inc, Vancouver, www.bioteq.ca
- Rfind Systems, Inc., Kelowna, www.rfind.com

New Media

- EPIC Global Media, Vancouver, www.epicnewsgroup.com
- Neverblue Media, Inc., Victoria, www.neverblue.com
- Next Level Games, Inc, Vancouver, www.nextlevelgames.com

Primary Products & Services

- Xcellulose Resources International Corp., North Vancouver, www.x-cellulose.com
- SPF Precut Lumber, Port Moody, www.spfprecut.ca
- Kitwanga Mills Ltd., Surrey, www.kitwanga.ca

Professional & Services

- Synergy Engineering Ltd., Coquitlam, www.synergy-eng.com
- Energold Drilling Corp., Vancouver, www.energold.com
- VIH Aviation Group Ltd., North Saanich, www.vih.com

Sustainability

- Flexstar Packaging, Inc., Richmond, www.flexstar.ca
- Domtar Corp., Kamloops, www.domtar.com
- West Coast Log Homes, Gibsons, www.westcoastloghomes.com

Leadership

Mr. Barry Lapointe (of Kelowna Flightcraft), Kelowna, <http://www.flightcraft.ca/>

The BC Export Awards are co-hosted annually by CME and the Ministry of Technology, Trade and Economic Development.

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