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**Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association Announces Winners of 2008 Environmental Industry Awards**

St. John's, NL, Canada – March 11, 2008 – The Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA) presented its annual Environmental Industry Awards on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, St. John's. NEIA President Chris Palmer made the presentations during a networking reception at NEIA's annual AGM, Conference and Trade Show, entitled *Green: the Colour of Opportunity in Newfoundland and Labrador*.

The awards recognize the accomplishments of Newfoundland and Labrador companies and individuals and their contributions to the growth of the province's environmental industry. Awards are presented in three categories:

**1.) Capacity Building Award:** The Capacity Building Award is presented to a company with a proven record of building the environment sector in Newfoundland and Labrador, and in improving its competitive position in local and/or international markets through a commitment to excellence and strategic growth investment. The winner of the Capacity Building Award 2008 was Northeast Avalon ACAP. Julie Huntington, Chair, accepted on behalf of Northeast Avalon ACAP.

**2.) Environmental Performance Award:** The Environmental Performance Award is presented to a company that has gone beyond baseline environmental compliance and has demonstrated a commitment to stewardship and improved environmental performance. The winner of the Environmental Performance Award 2008 was Waste Management of Canada Corporation. Gary Perry, District Manager, accepted on behalf of Waste Management of Canada Corporation.

**3.) Outstanding Individual Contribution Award:** To achieve success, every organization needs champions to lead, provide wisdom, and help turn ideals into reality. In the Newfoundland and Labrador environmental industry, these types of individual efforts have been critical to the forward development and growth of both our industry association and the environment sector. This award is presented to an individual who has been a key force in developing the environmental industry in Newfoundland and Labrador. The winner of the Individual Contribution Award 2008 was Bill Melendy, Project Manager at ADI Limited. Mr. Melendy was present to accept his award.

Bonnie Andrews, NEIA Executive Director said, "We have many dedicated and talented people in the NEIA membership. The winners of this year's awards certainly deserved recognition and attest to the calibre of environmental capability in this province. Congratulations to all."

## NEIA Elects New Board of Directors

St. John's, NL, Canada - March 11, 2008 - The Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA) elected its 2008-2009 Board of Directors during its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 7, 2008.

### **Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association Board of Directors (2008–2009)**

- President – Ms Deborah Hutchings, McInnes Cooper
- Vice President – Mr. Bill Scott, P.Eng., **fga** Consulting Engineers Limited
- Past President – Mr. Chris Palmer, Connections Research
- Director – Mr. Al Ducey, BMS North America
- Director – Mr. Terry Dollard, Universal Environmental
- Director – Ms Jennifer Aspell, REL – Health & Safety Consultants and Trainers
- Director – Mr. Craig Hollett – LORAX Environmental Services Ltd.
- Director – Mr. Frank Ricketts, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
- Executive Director (ex-officio) – Ms Bonnie Andrews, NEIA

**About NEIA** – With more than 150 members, the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA) has a mandate is to promote the growth and development of the Province's environment sector through strong leadership, advocacy, educational and training opportunities, and business development initiatives. In its interactions with government bodies, research and educational institutions, and private enterprise, NEIA acts as a common voice for member companies and organizations. Visit [www.neia.org](http://www.neia.org) for more information.

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