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28th Annual BC Export Awards Announces 2010 Top Exporters Finalists
... with a special award for BC's "North"

Vancouver, BC, The Ministry of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development and Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), announced BC's Top Exporters for 2010 today.

"The BC Export Awards recognize and celebrate the important contribution exporters make to the economy of BC," said Craig Williams, Vice President BC Division, CME. "This year we are pleased to add an important category to our awards, the Northern BC Exporter Award, which will recognize the success of exporters based in the northern part of the province," added Williams.

More than 500 of 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 2010 BC Export Awards Gala will take place on November 19, at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver.

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 350 BC exporters.

This year's Finalists are:

Advancing Technologies

- AXYS Technologies Inc., Sidney
- Elastic Path Software Inc., Vancouver
- Procura, Victoria

Consumer Products

- Coastal Contacts Inc., Vancouver
- Dr. Battery, Richmond
- The Original Cakerie Ltd., Delta

Manufactured Products

- Advanced Cyclotron Systems Inc., Richmond
- Prepac Manufacturing Ltd., Delta
- Unifiller Systems Inc., Delta

New Exporter

- Avigilon, Vancouver
- Clevest Solutions Inc., Richmond
- Greenlight Innovation, Burnaby

New Media & Entertainment

- Arcana, Burnaby
- Atimi Software Inc., Vancouver
- PNI Digital Media Inc., Vancouver

Primary Products & Resources

- Misty Mountain Specialties, Richmond
- Sinclair Group Forest Products Ltd., Prince George
- SPF Precut Lumber, Port Coquitlam

Professional & Services

- DDS Wireless International Inc., Richmond
- Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Burnaby
- Synergy Engineering Ltd., Coquitlam

Sustainability

- Martec Recycling Corporation, Vancouver
- Singer Valve, Surrey
- SSI Sustainable Solutions International, Burnaby

Northern BC Exporter

- Drop Designs, Prince George
- Noratek Solutions Inc., Prince George
- Pioneer Log Homes of British Columbia Ltd., Williams Lake

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

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