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Mackenzie Green Energy Centre Receives Environmental Assessment Certificate

Project will produce clean, renewable electricity while helping

BC reduce greenhouse gases and improve local air quality

VANCOUVER – The Mackenzie Green Energy Limited Partnership is pleased to announce it has received an environmental assessment certificate to build and operate the Mackenzie Green Energy Centre, a new biomass cogeneration facility in the District of Mackenzie.

Located 175 kilometres north of Prince George, the Mackenzie Green Energy Centre is a partnership between Alberta-based Pristine Power, Harbert Power LLC and Balanced Power of Vancouver.

“The Mackenzie Green Energy Centre will deliver significant environmental and economic benefits for the communities of Mackenzie, Fort St. James, Chetwynd and Bear Lake and the province as a whole,” said Jeff Moore, President and CEO of Mackenzie Green Energy Ltd.

“The project will help facilitate the closure of up to 6 beehive burners to dramatically improve air quality for residents of the region, while also eliminating greenhouse gas emissions by 52 per cent (21,900 tonnes per year) in the Mackenzie area,” said Moore.

The Mackenzie Green Energy Centre will consume approximately 1 million tonnes of woodwaste per year, including Pine Beetle woodwaste, to produce on average 59 megawatts of clean, renewable electricity, enough to power 50,000 homes.

“The Mackenzie Green Energy Centre will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in BC while returning the province to electricity self-sufficiency,” said Moore.

Benefits of the Mackenzie Green Energy biomass project include:

- Production of an average of 59 megawatts clean, renewable energy by burning wood residues from area sawmills (enough to power some 50,000 homes annually).

- Production of steam will allow the adjacent Pope & Talbot pulp mill to reduce its reliance on natural gas.

- Facilitating the closure of up to 6 outmoded beehive burners, thereby contributing to the improvement of air quality in Mackenzie, Fort St. James, Chetwynd and Bear Lake.

- After the project is operational, it will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 77 per cent and greenhouse gas emissions by 52 per cent (21,900 tonnes per year) in the Mackenzie area.
- Capital cost investment of between \$200 million and \$250 million.
- Creation of up to 260 jobs during construction and 26 full-time jobs during operations, including opportunities for local businesses First Nations.

The project was awarded a BC Hydro Electricity Purchase Agreement in 2006. Commercial production of electricity is expected to begin in December 2009.

About Pristine Power Inc. – Pristine Power Inc. is a Calgary-based independent power producer that develops, builds and operates power generation facilities in Canada. Pristine is focused on creating dependable, cost-effective and environmentally sensitive power generation projects using alternative and conventional technologies including, but not limited to, energy recovery generation, biomass generation, compressed air energy storage and conventional gas turbine generation.

About Harbert Power, LLC – a subsidiary of the Harbert Management Corporation, Harbert Power is involved with the development, construction, ownership and operation of independent power generating facilities in North America. Harbert Power manages power assets for the Harbert Corporation, an affiliated company.

Balanced Power Inc. – is an independent power producer based in Vancouver, BC, that specializes in developing efficient and reliable cogeneration facilities. Balance Power has pioneered creative energy saving systems that help protect the environment and improve the management of natural resources.

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