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CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HONOURS NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Puerto Rico – The Canadian Construction Association today presented its national awards honouring excellence in the Canadian construction industry. The awards ceremony took place during CCA's 89th Annual Conference taking place at the Westin Rio Mar Resort in Puerto Rico. The guest speaker during this year's awards ceremony was multiple Paralympic gold medalist Chantal Petitclerc.

The award recipients for 2006 are as follows:

CCA General Contractor Award of Excellence: Paul Charette, President of Bird Construction Company located in Etobicoke, Ontario. Paul joined Bird Construction in 1976 as a Project Manager, becoming President and CEO in 1988 and Chairman of the Board in 2001 – in that time, he helped grow Bird from a \$90 million company to a \$400 million company. Paul has also served as Chair of the Ontario General Contractors Association, the Toronto Construction Association Advisory Committee, the CCA General Contractors Council, and he will become CCA Chairman in 2008.

CCA Excellence in Innovation Award, sponsored by The Institute for Research in Construction: Morsky Industrial Services Ltd of Regina, Saskatchewan for their launched soil nailing remediation system. Originally designed for military applications, this innovative technology ensures soil stabilization, while preventing erosion loss on site. This system literally shoots large nails into the soil, ensuring a clean, easy, and aesthetically-pleasing system that holds slopes in place. This innovation is a first-of-its-kind application on a Canadian construction site.

CCA Environmental Achievement Award, sponsored by Lafarge Canada Inc.: Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd of Mississauga, Ontario for their Hamilton Centralized Compost Facility. This compost facility, which was built on a former brownfield, is a major component in the City of Hamilton's goal of diverting 65% of its waste from landfills by 2008. The site used European technology to build the facility, including an in-tunnel design with operations all under one roof, which will minimize odors, as well as water and energy use.

An honourable mention was awarded to Morsky Industrial Services for their soil nail launching technology.

CCA Roadbuilders Award of Excellence, sponsored by On-Site Magazine: Mr. Bob Noseworthy, President of Pennecon Limited located in St. John's, Newfoundland. Bob has grown Pennecon's construction arm from a \$5 million company in 1979 to over \$200 million by 2006, with over 1000 employees. He has served as Chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Roadbuilders Association, the CCA Roadbuilders Council, and serves as the current Chair of the

CCA Gold Seal Committee. He also serves on a number of charitable and community Boards in the St. John's area.

CCA National Safety Award, sponsored by Vipond Inc.: Mike Moore and Sons Construction Limited located in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. Mike Moore and Sons have a comprehensive, written safety policy and set of beliefs. Company representatives sit on a number of local and provincial safety groups, and the company helped found the Sault Ste Marie Construction Association Safety Group. Monthly safety meetings are held with senior management, and daily and weekly safety meetings are held at jobsites. Extensive training is provided by the company to all employees, and all subcontractors must demonstrate a high commitment to safety.

CCA Member Association Award of Excellence: The Regina Construction Association (RCA), located in Regina, Saskatchewan. The RCA has successfully lobbied for significant tendering changes with the city, provided training programs, developed videoconferencing capabilities, grown its membership, streamlined its social opportunities, and increased retention. 2007 also marks the 75th anniversary of the association.

CCA Community Leader Award, sponsored by Ed. Brunet and Associates inc: Mr. Leo McArthur, President of Miller Paving Ltd., located in Markham, Ontario. Aside from being a highly regarded business leader, Leo is an active community leader. He raises money for a variety of causes, including local police organizations, the York Region Community Safety Village, local sports teams, sports venues, hospitals, United Way, Habitat for Humanity, and others. He helped to establish both Crimestoppers and Police Appreciation Night in York Region. He has received both the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and the Markham Board of Trade's Tony Roman Award in 1998 in recognition of his community efforts.

CCA Gold Seal Association Award: The Southern Interior Construction Association headquartered in Kelowna, BC. SICA has been a supporter of Gold Seal since its inception. Among their efforts to support Gold Seal, SICA promotes Gold Seal on a monthly basis via newsletters, publicly recognizes Gold Seal recipients, provides Gold Seal training courses and seeks to expand Gold Seal accredited courses, and successfully lobbied the City of Kamloops to become the first municipality to accept Gold Seal as a condition of contract.

CCA Person of the Year Award, sponsored by PCL Constructors Ltd.: Mr. John Westeinde of Ottawa, Ontario. John founded Westeinde Construction Ltd in 1978, which since that time has built over 300 projects totaling over \$1 billion. In addition to being known for sound values and ethics, John was a founding member of the General Contractors Association of Ottawa, and has served as Chair of the Ottawa Construction Association, Ontario General Contractors Association, Chaired a number of CCA Committees, and most recently helped to create the Canadian Construction Innovation Council. He serves on numerous community Boards and charities, having been awarded the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce "Businessman of the Year" award.

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