

## **GLOBE FOUNDATION NAMES WINNERS OF 2007 GLOBE AWARDS CELEBRATING LEADERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION**

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Toronto, ON - The GLOBE Foundation and The Globe and Mail are proud to announce the winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual GLOBE Awards for Environmental Excellence. The prestigious awards were presented to four of Canada's most innovative and eco-friendly companies at the **EECO 2007 Environment & Energy Conference** Closing Gala Luncheon in Toronto, Ontario on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The annual environmental awards are intended to recognize those Canadian companies that have taken a proactive approach to unique environmental and sustainability challenges, while still maintaining strategic excellence in business practices.

Awards were presented in four categories: Corporate Competitiveness, Technology Innovation and Application, Sustainable Investment and Banking, and Excellence in Urban Sustainability.

The winner named for the **Corporate Competitiveness Award** was **Teknion Corp.**, a leading international designer, manufacturer, and marketer of office systems and related office furniture products. A market share leader in Canada and an expanding presence in the United States and overseas, Teknion has also become an industry leader in sustainable development. Adapting its business strategy to an Environmental Charter, Teknion is the first in its industry to have both its manufacturing facilities and administrative offices receive internationally recognized environmental certification. Adapting to changing environment and social priorities, Teknion's business practices are shaped around three principles: to inform through spreading knowledge within the company, to build responsibility through environmental programs, and to advance sustainability throughout the industry. Through these practices, the company has achieved production savings of up to \$3 million.

Two-year-old, Vancouver-based company, **Earthcycle Packaging Ltd.**, was announced the winner of the **Award for Technology Innovation and Application**. Using natural products to develop innovative sustainable packaging, Earthcycle has provided a revolutionary new product to combat North America's growing packaging crisis. Rather than sit in a landfill, Earthcycle's eco-friendly packaging is made from a renewable resource called palm fiber, which composts in less than 90 days and provides a healthy contribution to soil. With a packaging line specifically developed for fresh fruit and vegetable industries, Earthcycle Packaging Ltd. is continuing to develop additional products to meet packaging needs.

The **Capital Markets Award for Sustainable Investment and Banking** was awarded to **Mercer Investment Consulting**, a leading provider of investment services to institutional investors globally and a 2006 GLOBE Awards finalist. The company, headquartered in Toronto, has been recognized for its integration of environmental factors in investment and banking decisions, most notably for its role in the development of the global Principles for Responsible Investment, launched worldwide in 2006. An advocate of socially responsible investing, Mercer has also preserved its independence in offering strategic advice to capital markets firms.



The **Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority** was announced the winner of the **Award for Excellence in Urban Sustainability** for its Vancouver Transit Centre. The transportation authority's newest bus operations and maintenance centre is home to TransLink's zero-emission electric trolley bus fleet. Incorporating regional materials with a high recycling content, Energy Star roof membranes, storm water systems, and use of natural lighting in office and shop areas into its design, the operations and maintenance centre is set to be used as a reference facility for TransLink's future facility designs. Employing more than 1,000 employees, the centre also helps provide important economic benefits to its surrounding community.

Other 2007 GLOBE Awards for Environmental Excellence finalists included Vancity Group; AMEC; Home Depot; Remsoft Inc.; EnviroTower Inc.; Innovest Strategic Value Advisors; Yachnin & Associates and Sustainable Investment Group Ltd.; HOK; and Diamond and Schmitt Architects Incorporated.

For more information on this year's winners, visit [www.theglobeawards.ca](http://www.theglobeawards.ca)

#### **About EECO 2007**

EECO 2007 is a unique event designed to offer valuable insight on the business of the environment. Held June 19-20 in Toronto Ontario, EECO brought together over 500 senior corporate and government leaders from across North America. This is the fourth in a series of biennial events organized by the GLOBE Foundation in concert with the Delphi Group. For more information on the conference, please visit [www.eeco2007.com](http://www.eeco2007.com).

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