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BC Bioenergy Network Invests in Nanaimo Bioenergy Project and Creates a Collaborative Development and Demonstration Centre

VANCOUVER, BC – April 1, 2009 – The BC Bioenergy Network (“BCBN”), a provincially-funded leader supporting the growing bioenergy sector in British Columbia, announced today a \$400,000 investment in Nanaimo-based Cedar Road LFG Inc (“Cedar Road”). The investment will enable Cedar Road to complete and expand the commercial applications of its \$3 million dollar landfill-gas-to-electricity conversion facility at the Regional District of Nanaimo landfill site on Vancouver Island.

In conjunction with this investment, BC Bioenergy has entered into an agreement with Cedar Road to establish a Collaborative Development and Demonstration Centre (“CDDC”) in Nanaimo. The Regional District of Nanaimo has been invited to become a partner in the CDDC due to their expertise in landfill gas collection and supply. The goal of the centre is to bring together technology suppliers, innovators, and small-to-medium sized municipalities to observe, test, and demonstrate technologies to advance best-in-class solutions and gas utilization commercialization. Methane gas, a large component of landfill gas, is a serious greenhouse gas contributor that is over 21 times worse than CO₂ emissions. This renewable gas from waste will now be utilized to produce non-fossil fuel electricity and thermal energy instead of being released into the atmosphere or burned through flaring.

“This innovative bioenergy partnership demonstrates how BC communities and bioenergy companies can work together to be low-carbon leaders,” said Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. “The landfill-gas-to-electricity conversion will produce 1.5 megawatts of green power, sufficient to supply 1,200 homes and is another step towards making our province electricity self-sufficient.”

“We are pleased to be working with two BC bioenergy innovators, Cedar Road LFG and the Regional District of Nanaimo. This will demonstrate that BC municipalities have the opportunity to not only collect the methane gas, but to avoid flaring, and convert gas to electricity, being more economically productive.” stated Michael Weedon, Executive Director of the BC Bioenergy Network. “What a marvelous and smart concept, turning waste to energy and reducing greenhouse gases at the same time.” Weedon added.

“The Regional District of Nanaimo is proud to help showcase Cedar Road LFG as an example of the success of landfill gas-to-electricity conversion,” said RDN Board Chair Joe Stanhope. “This project has a double benefit for local residents because it’s generating revenue for local government and helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

“Cedar Road LFG is dedicated to providing Bioenergy Solutions in support of the Regional District of Nanaimo’s leadership and vision”, said Paul Liddy, Managing Director of Cedar Road Inc. “Our mandate is as a dual role commercial and pilot demonstration facility for new distributed energy technologies. With the participation of the BC Bioenergy Network, we can accelerate the vision we share in creating a leading industry resource centre for the utilization of

biogas. Cedar Road will seek out and invite innovators and solid waste service providers worldwide to participate in the Vancouver Island Centre.

About the BC Bioenergy Network

Established in April 2008 with a \$25 million grant from the BC government, the BC Bioenergy Network is an industry-led association that acts as a catalyst for deploying near-term bioenergy technologies and organizing mission-driven research for the development and demonstration of new bioenergy technologies that are environmentally appropriate for the province of BC. Based on a recently-held focus group, BCBN identified the following technology areas requiring funding support: solid wood residues, pulp and paper residues, harvesting and pelleting, agriculture residues, municipal wastewater, municipal landfill waste, municipal solid waste, and community heating-electricity greenhouse systems. BC is well positioned to become a major player in the global bioenergy sector. The province is steward to one of the largest forested areas in the world, and a leader in biomass to value-added wood products. The BC Bioenergy Network will provide the leadership to make BC a world leader in developing and marketing wood-to-bioenergy and other bioenergy technologies. For more information about the BCBN, visit www.bcbioenergy.ca.

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