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**And the winners of the 4th Quebec Wind Energy Industry Gala are...**

**GASPÉ, JUNE 10, 2014** — The winners of the 4th Quebec Wind Energy Industry Gala presented by EDF Énergies nouvelles were honoured this evening with 320 people in attendance from the Quebec wind power sector. This gala, which was held under the theme *The 20s*, designated wind farm developer Boralex Inc. *Enterprise of the Year*, while Helmut Herold, CEO North America for Senvion Canada Inc., was named *Personality of the Year*. Seven other companies were also recognized during this biannual award ceremony.

With 650 MW of installed renewable energy capacity in Canada, France and the northeastern US, **Boralex Inc.** is a leading developer, builder and operator. The company, along with its partner Gaz Métro, commissioned one of Canada's largest wind farms, Phases II and III of the Seigneurie de Beaupré project with an installed capacity of 272 MW. Boralex has always endeavoured to develop its projects in harmony with the environment and the host communities. All of these achievements have earned the company the trophy for *Enterprise of the Year*.

For his part, **Helmut Herold** was instrumental in establishing the head office of Senvion Canada Inc. in Montréal. This office has become the centre of activities for the turbine manufacturer in North America. A native of Germany, Mr. Herold has been deeply involved in the Quebec wind sector and has helped the company climb to the Top 2 in the 2013 rankings of most important turbine manufacturers in Canada. Always eager to see local communities benefit, he developed agreements with a number of manufacturers of the Quebec supply chain. For all his accomplishments, Helmut Herold is crowned *Personality of the Year*.

**Kruger Energy** was recognized in the *Wind Farm Developer and Operator* category. The development and commissioning of the 44-turbine Montérégie Wind Farm undoubtedly serves as an example of success in terms of social acceptability. The close attention the company paid to consultations, coordination activities and transparency earned it the support of citizens of a community located near the Montréal metropolitan area. This success is a model for the industry and is worthy of recognition.

**ENERCON Canada Inc.** walked away the winner in the category *Manufacturing Enterprise*. In 2013, the company maintained its position as the largest wind turbine manufacturer in Canada. The company also overcame the formidable logistical challenge of transporting 3500 concrete turbine bases from its factory in Matane. ENERCON Canada, which collaborates with nearly 250 providers throughout Quebec, including 100 from the Bas-Saint-Laurent and Gaspésie regions, thereby contributes to the prosperity of the Quebec wind power sector.

**Activa Environnement Inc.**, an environmental consulting firm located in New Richmond in the Gaspé Peninsula, captured the attention of the jury in the *Service Enterprise* category. The company has been involved in over 60 wind projects throughout Canada over the last 12 years. This award can be

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attributed to the efforts engaged by the firm to develop markets in the Maritime provinces as well as the transfer and sharing of approaches already honed by Activa in sectors other than wind.

In the *Innovation* department, the jury members were charmed by the successful collaboration between **Cartier Énergie Éolienne** and **Collineo**. Indeed, the two companies developed an original approach to an important problem by designing a unique technology for turbine blade inspections in complex terrain. This patent-pending method notably helps to reduce down-time while making blade inspections safer.

In the *Rising Star* category, the honours go to the Gaspésie-based start-up **Suspendem Rope Access Inc.** Specializing in the field of wind turbine O&M, Suspendem is one of the few companies in North America that uses a 360° platform to perform its maintenance work. Since being founded in 2012, the company has enjoyed rapid growth and is already active outside of Quebec.

The *Excellence in Human Resources* award – presented by the ACCORD Wind Energy Cluster – went to **PESCA Environnement**. For this firm, which has been offering environmental consulting services for 23 years, human resources are the cornerstone on which it builds its success and ensures its vitality into the future. In this vein, the measures it has implemented to promote a healthy work-family balance, quality of life, and employee retention are all part of the company's strategy.

Lastly, a *Tribute* award was also presented to **Mr. Claude Canuel**, former mayor and director of Urban Planning and Development of the City of Matane, for all of his contributions to the Quebec wind industry. Mr. Canuel has been involved in the Quebec wind venture since the very beginning. As a veteran strategist, he has played a leading role in establishing this industrial sector in Quebec and particularly in the Gaspésie region and the MRC de la Matanie.

"In the name of the gala jury, I would like to congratulate all of the finalists and winners who contribute, each in their own way, to the dynamism of the Quebec wind industry at home and abroad. We can be proud of the diversity and the expertise of our industry which pave the way to its success" touted Frédéric Côté, General Manager of the TechnoCentre éolien.

Listed on the following page is a summary of the finalists and winners of the 4th Quebec Wind Energy Industry Gala.

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**Wind Farm Developer and Operator**

Borex Inc.  
Cartier Énergie Éolienne  
**Kruger Energy**  
Viger-Denonville Community Wind Farm

**Manufacturing Enterprise**

**ENERCON Canada Inc.**  
Servion Canada Inc.  
Vizimax Inc.

**Service Enterprise**

**Activa Environnement Inc.**  
The Ohmega Group Inc.  
Suspendem Rope Access Inc.

**Rising Star**

Francis Chartrand, EDF EN Canada  
**Suspendem Rope Access Inc.**

**Innovation**

**Cartier Énergie Éolienne and Collineo**  
Vizimax Inc.

**Excellence in Human Resources**

Cartier Énergie Éolienne  
LM Wind Power  
**PESCA Environnement**

**Personality of the Year**

Benôit Rigal, EDF EN Canada  
Étienne Champagne, Borex Inc.  
**Helmut Herold, Servion Canada Inc.**  
Martin Boulay, The Ohmega Group Inc.

**Enterprise of the Year**

**Borex Inc.**

**Tribute Award**

**Claude Canuel**

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**About the TechnoCentre éolien**

*Founded in 2000, the TechnoCentre éolien is a research and technology transfer centre that helps companies develop new products for the wind power industry, integrate the power supply chain in Québec and adapt their technology to withstand the cold climate. The TechnoCentre éolien has four principal areas of endeavour: technical assistance for businesses, applied research, economic development and communication/events.*

*The TechnoCentre éolien is represented on a variety of international committees. It is responsible for carrying out the mission of the college centre for technology transfer (CCTT) in wind energy in Québec and houses the executive management of the ACCORD Wind Energy Cluster for the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine region.*

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