

2008 Technology Impact Award Winners Announced

From space to waste winners exemplify ingenuity, business savvy and staying power

VANCOUVER, BC, June 12, 2008 – Computer-tracing and data recovery security software company **Absolute Software** was named Company of the Year at the 2008 Technology Impact Awards (TIAs), hosted by the BC Technology Industry Association. This award comes on the heels of a stellar year that saw the company double business, add 90 new people, expand its product portfolio and international reach and win the accolades of analysts for strong performance.

The TIA awards also recognized outstanding leadership naming technology visionary and pioneer, **Dr. John A. MacDonald**, co-founder of MacDonald Dettwiler & Associates and now chairman and CEO of Day4 Energy, as Person of the Year for his contributions to the sector in 2008. Dr. MacDonald's latest success **Day4 Energy**, a solar energy company raised over \$100 million in financing this year and also received the 2008 Technology Impact Award for Emerging Company of the Year.

David Sutcliffe, former CEO of Sierra Wireless, won the coveted Bill Thompson award for exemplifying leadership in business and the community. With a technology career that spans 25 years, David has played an instrumental role in developing the wireless data industry. David remains active in the technology community through a variety of volunteer efforts.

Over 700 representatives of BC's technology and business community came together at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver to recognize British Columbia's top technologies, companies and individuals. Other winners include:

Most Promising Pre-Commercial Technology

Lignol Energy Corp. (*Burnaby*) is constructing bio-refineries to produce fuel-grade ethanol and bio-chemical's from Canadian forests and vast supplies of biomass feedstock's thereby reducing reliance on corn and other edible feedstock's to produce ethanol. <http://www.lignol.ca>

Excellence in Product Innovation

Kodak Graphic Communications (*Burnaby*) has developed an advanced manufacturing tool that uses laser imaging to produce color filters for Liquid Crystal Displays (LCD CF), specifically for large LCD televisions, in a more cost-effective and environmentally friendly way. <http://www.graphics.kodak.com>

Best Application of Technology

MacDonald, Dettwiler & Associates Corp. (MDA) (*Richmond*) is making satellite building more cost-effective and as such, paving the way for nations previously unable to afford this form of technology needed to manage their own environment and protect their people. <http://www.mdacorporations.com>

Most Promising Start-up

RX Networks Inc. (*Vancouver*) helps mobile operators and device manufacturers deliver the best possible GPS user experience by accelerating and enhancing a device's ability to discover and calculate its location. <http://www.rxnetworks.ca>

Emerging Company of the Year

Day4Energy Inc. (*Burnaby*) is a solar energy company that has developed a new approach to deliver cost competitive renewable energy from the sun. <http://www.day4energy.com>

Team of the Year

Vision Critical's (*Vancouver*) Community and Qualitative Team built from scratch a number of products that offer online communities and research service packages to enhance the company's technological capabilities. This work contributed significantly to company revenue. <http://www.visioncritical.com>

Leadership in Social Responsibility

AbeBooks (*Victoria*) AbeBooks, the world's largest online marketplace for books, supports a wide variety of charitable activities and literacy initiatives, as well as offering a progressive work environment and showing environmental leadership. <http://www.abebooks.com>

"Tonight's winners and finalists represent the best of BC technology. Their technology is supporting many diverse industries, finding new international markets, removing communication barriers and addressing critical issues such as climate change," said Pascal Spothelfer, President and CEO of BCTIA. "Our congratulations go out to the winners and finalists."

This year, over 100 applications were received from technology companies of all sectors and sizes and from all corners of British Columbia.

For more information on the awards, the finalists and the winners, please visit: <http://www.bctia.org/awards>

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About the BCTIA

As the largest and most influential industry association, the BCTIA is the voice of the technology industry in British Columbia. The association represents start-ups to established technology companies, including those that service the industry, across the province. For more information, please visit www.bctia.org.

About Lignol Energy Corp.

Lignol is a Canadian company based in BC which is constructing biorefineries for the production of fuel-grade ethanol and biochemicals from Canadian forests and vast supplies of biomass feedstocks. Lignol has acquired and since modified a solvent-based pre-treatment technology that was originally developed by a subsidiary of General Electric. The pre-treatment technology was previously commercialized in a major pulp mill by Repap with an investment of over C\$100 million. Lignol acquired the technology, plant operations and related engineering data together with the original GE pilot plant, which is now being integrated in Vancouver, BC, with recently acquired process capabilities to convert cellulose to ethanol. Lignol has recently produced ethanol and other biochemicals from both hardwood and softwood species representative of Canadian forests, and is one of the world's more promising *cellulose to ethanol* companies. For more information, please visit www.lignol.ca.

About Kodak Graphic Communications Company Canada

Eastman Kodak (NYSE:EK) is leading provider of digital imaging and printing solutions for industrial and consumer markets. Kodak's recently formed Graphic Communications Group (GCG) is focused on the Graphics Arts industry: commercial, packaging and newspaper printers; publishers; data printers; and other graphics enterprises. Kodak GCG offers one of the broadest portfolios of technologies, products and services in the graphic communications and document capture industries. Within that group is Kodak's Graphic Communications Canada Company (KGCCC), formerly Creo Inc., and the primary force behind the transformation of the graphic arts industry and its now-widespread adoption of computer-to-plate imaging and a completely digital workflow. For more information, please visit <http://graphics.kodak.com>.

About MacDonald, Dettwiler & Associates Corp. (MDA)

MDA (TSX:MDA) provides advanced information solutions that capture and process vast amounts of data, produce essential information, and improve the decision making and operational performance of business and government organizations worldwide. Focused on markets and customers with strong repeat business potential, MDA delivers a broad spectrum of information solutions, ranging from complex operational systems to tailored information services to electronic information products. MDA employs more than 3,000 people in locations across the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada. For more information, please visit www.mdacorporation.com.

About RX Networks Inc.

Rx Networks is a privately held mobile positioning technology and global services company located in Vancouver, BC. With GPStream, a complete framework of GPS assistance solutions, Rx Networks enables Click'n Go™ performance for any GPS device. Rx Networks is strictly focused on generating and delivering the best GPS assistance data possible. For more information, please visit www.rxnetworks.ca.

About Day4 Energy Inc.

Headquartered near Vancouver, British Columbia, Day4 Energy Inc. designs, manufactures and sells photovoltaic (PV) modules based on its patented Day4 Electrode technology, a proprietary method of contacting and interconnecting solar cells. The Day4 Electrode produces PV panels of high power density, increased lifetime and uncompromised aesthetic appearance. The advanced solar module construction method increases the performance of conventional silicon panels and enables the next-generation of PV innovation. Day4 partners with the industry's leading PV cell producers to deliver IEC and UL certified commercial and residential solar products to customers throughout Europe and North America. For more information, visit: www.day4energy.com.

About Vision Critical Inc.

Vision Critical, is a global leader in custom online market with offices in Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto, San Francisco and London (UK). Vision Critical's Panel+™ software enables companies to conduct all their online research through one system, from sampling to survey creation to reporting. Panel+ is flexible enough to manage communities of a few hundred to custom panels of a few million. Vision Critical works with hundreds of leading brands including Nordstrom, SIRIUS Satellite Radio, NHL, Dairy Queen, BusinessWeek, RIM Blackberry, Hewlett Packard, Kodak, NFL, Banana Republic, MLB, Clorox and Qantas Airlines. For more information, please visit www.visioncritical.com.

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