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## Stacey Bernier from Corix Utilities to Chair the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition

**Montréal, July 15, 2008** – Mr. Stacey Bernier, General Manager with Corix Utilities in Vancouver (BC), was elected Chair of the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) last week. The CGC board of directors comprises 15 members with representatives from all regions of Canada and from all classes of stakeholders involved in the geoechange industry. The board members are elected for a one year mandate.

Mr Bernier holds extensive experience working in Sustainable Energy systems, including District Energy and GeoExchange. “GeoExchange technology is quickly becoming a mainstream choice, and the CGC acts as a national body for this industry; it provides both research and training in order to develop a standard and professional platform for all stakeholders”, said Mr. Bernier. “While recognizing regional and provincial differences, the CGC supports a harmonized approach with the provinces. This inclusive approach will strengthen the overall industry profile at all levels of government and further support our credibility and growth” he added.

The composition of the CGC board of directors for 2008-2009 is as follows:

Chair	Stacey Bernier	Corix Utilities	(British Columbia)
Vice-chair	Marc Bélanger	Groupe Master	(Québec)
Treasurer	Brian Park	PCI Geothermal	(Alberta)
Secretary	Richard Pépin	Lys Air Mécanic	(Québec)
Members	Sylvain Audette	Gaz Métro	(Québec)
	Dale Bateman	EnerWest Geoenergy Services	(Alberta)
	John Kubilanski	Frontier Refrigeration	(Manitoba)
	Lloyd Kuczek	Manitoba Hydro	(Manitoba)
	Patrick Lambert	Geo-Energie	(Québec)
	Omer Lemay	Hydro-Québec	(Québec)
	Stan Marco	GeoSmart Energy	(Ontario)
	Gail McBride	BC Hydro	(British Columbia)
	Richard Schafer	Regional Municipality of Peel	(Ontario)
	Dennis Terhove	City of Calgary	(Alberta)
	Rod Torres	GeoSource Energy Corp.	(British Columbia)

“I am very happy with this new board composition which once again reflects the regional representation and multi-stakeholders nature of our industry” said Denis Tanguay, CGC President and CEO. CGC has accomplished a lot in terms of building a strong market infrastructure over the past three years and is now very active on many more interesting and fascinating projects. “I would like to thank board members who have terminated their mandate. Their contribution was exceptional and their time committed to the advancement of our industry was extremely valuable” he added.

As part of this year’s program, CGC will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> GeoExchange Business & Policy Conference in Toronto on November 17-18. Industry stakeholders are invited to mark their calendar and come meet CGC members, staff and board members at Canada’s national conference.

*The Canadian GeoExchange™ Coalition acts as the industry catalyst to unite private and public sector stakeholders, and to expand the market for ground source heat pumps and geoechange™ technology in Canada. As the nexus of information, training, certification, standards and public awareness, our mandate is to work with stakeholders to build the necessary infrastructure to foster the growth of the Canadian geoechange™ industry. For more information, visit [www.geo-exchange.ca](http://www.geo-exchange.ca)*