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## **CGC Strengthens Relationship with Geothermal Electricity Producers** *GeoExchange™ Association to Participate in National Conference*

**Calgary (Alberta) & Montréal (Québec), March 10, 2009** – The Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) today renewed its Memorandum of Understanding with the Canadian Geothermal Energy Association (CanGEA) of Calgary and will participate in Canada's national conference on geothermal electricity production. The 2009 CanGEA Geothermal Energy conference will take place April 22-24th in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The associations play complementary roles and together represent the entire spectrum of geothermal applications – including low temperature heat pumps, medium temperature direct use and high temperature electricity generation.

“This is going to be the first major high-temperature geothermal energy conference in Canada in decades and it's a great opportunity to hear about some of the new projects, companies and R&D in the geothermal industry.” stated Alison Thompson, Chair and Executive Director of CanGEA. “One of our keynote speakers, Dr Michal Moore, was involved in the 2007 MIT Report on Geothermal Energy and attendees will include some of North America's most important industry players.”

Denis Tanguay, CGC President & CEO added “Geothermal energy as a whole may represent Canada's largest untapped renewable energy resource on both the supply and demand side. As the GeoExchange industry grows, new technologies and applications are emerging in heat pumps. Sharing key information between low, medium and high temperature stakeholders helps us promote the overall use of geothermal energy in Canada.”

It is because of the significant growth potential in the geothermal industry and the impressive environmental characteristics involved in low and high temperature applications, that CGC and CanGEA are working together to bring Canadians the benefits of this most renewable, reliable and responsible form of energy.

Ongoing cooperation includes exchange of information, development of business opportunities, joint initiatives such as R&D and market response projects and general geothermal energy and geothermal heat pump technology cooperation.

More information on the CanGEA conference is available at [www.cangea.ca/conference](http://www.cangea.ca/conference)

*The Canadian Geothermal Energy Association (CanGEA) is an organisation of industry (geothermal & oil and gas) and academic representatives involved in advocating rapid development of geothermal projects in Canada and educating about Canada's geothermal energy resources.*

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

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