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**FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2009 BURNABY
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

(BURNABY) – On Thursday, October 1, 2009, The Burnaby Board of Trade (BBOT) announced the finalists for the upcoming 2009 Burnaby Business Excellence Awards (BBEA) during a luncheon at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown. GLENTEL Inc. was inducted into the BBEA Hall of Fame. Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan presented the Hall of Fame award to GLENTEL's President & CEO Thomas Skidmore, who received a standing ovation for his acceptance speech. Burnaby City Councillors, school trustees and close to 300 business professionals were in attendance. The winners of the eight business categories will be announced on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the BBEA gala dinner.

The finalists are:

Burnaby Community Spirit Award Finalists:

Amica at Rideau Manor
Can Am Importique
Costco Wholesale Ltd. – #548 Willingdon
Made 'n-a-Minute Printers Ltd.

2008 Recipient: Brentwood Town Centre**Business Innovation Award Finalists:**

Centaur Products Inc.
Dimension 3 Plastics Ltd.
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VFA Canada Corporation

2008 Recipient: Day4 Energy**Entrepreneurial Spirit Award Finalists:**

Caffè Artigiano
GigaLuma Technologies Inc.
Soyaworld Inc.

Trade Exchange Canada

2008 Recipient: MetroLeap Media Inc.**Environmental Sustainability Award Finalists:**

The Great Bear Pub and Liquor Store
Hemlock Printers Ltd.
M & R Environmental

2008 Recipient: Encorp Pacific (Canada)**Not-for-Profit Organization of the Year Award Finalists:**

Cameray Child & Family Services
Charlford House Society for Women
RCMP Hastings-Brentwood Community Police Office (District 1)
S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Employment Services – Burnaby Center

2008 Recipient: L'Arche Greater Vancouver**Business Person of the Year Award Finalists:**

Adriana Funaro – Julian Ceramic Tile Inc.

Jack Kuyer – Valley Bakery Ltd.
Paul Smolen – Hart House Restaurant
John Zaplatynsky – GardenWorks
2008 Recipient: Keith Beedie – The Beedie Group

Small Business of the Year Award Finalists:

Can Am Importique
Cioffi's Meat Market & Deli
Dimension 3 Plastics Ltd.
Greiner, Bethell & Company Law Practice
Kea's Meats & Deli
2008 Recipient: Simba's Grill

Business of the Year Award Finalists:

Centaur Products Inc.
Costco Wholesale Ltd. – #548 Willingdon
HUB International Ltd.
Soyaworld Inc.
2008 Recipient: ABC Recycling

The Burnaby Board of Trade (BBOT) is Burnaby's pre-eminent business association. Embracing diversity, we welcome organizations within all sectors and sizes of our global business community and foster a sustainable business environment by facilitating business success through networking, education, advocacy and economic development. Through our vision and leadership, we facilitate a collaborative community model involving businesses, not-for-profits, academia, citizens and all levels of government

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BACKGROUND

Burnaby Business Excellence Awards

The Burnaby Business Excellence Awards (BBEA) is one of the Lower Mainland's most celebrated business award programs, recognizing organizations and individuals that have made an exemplary contribution to the business landscape. Since its inception in 1999, the BBEA has helped the City of Burnaby emerge as a major destination for world-class organizations to headquarter and thrive. The BBEA recognizes numerous categories of achievement, including Business of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Business Innovation, Community Spirit, Not-For-Profit of the Year, Environmental Sustainability and Entrepreneurial Spirit.

Event Details

Wednesday, November 04 2009, 5:30pm - 10:00pm
Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, 6083 McKay Avenue, Burnaby

Tickets are \$135 for members and \$180 for non-members. For those who wish to attend as a group, tables of 10 are available for \$1285 for members and \$1710 for non-members. All prices are exclusive of GST.

Hall of Fame Award

The Hall of Fame Award is presented to a Burnaby-based business that has demonstrated outstanding success for over twenty five years and has had a positive and significant impact on the local community. Past winners include Lougheed Town Centre, Curtis Lumber, Morrey Auto Group, Bosa Properties Inc., Hemlock Printers Ltd., and Electronic Arts Canada.

Glentel Inc. History

Glentel Inc., founded in 1963 as Glenayre Electronics Ltd., has been headquartered in Burnaby since 1989. Its corporate head office is at 8501 Commerce Court, with additional corporate office employees located at 4710 Kingsway, Burnaby. In 1997, Glentel opened its first retail cellular store, *WirelessWave*, at Metropolis at Metrotown in Burnaby in 2002, an additional *WirelessWave* Burnaby store was opened at Brentwood Town Centre. *WirelessWave* specializes in providing expert knowledge, choice of network provider, sales and service of mobile phones, internet phones, and handheld wireless devices to consumers. In the 10 years since that first retail store opened in 1997, *WirelessWave* has grown to comprise 98 retail mall stores in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.