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HEMLOCK SCORES A HAT-TRICK FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Named *Most Environmentally Progressive Printer in Canada* for the third consecutive year.

Hemlock Printers Ltd. (Burnaby, BC) was once again honoured for its commitment to the environment at the third annual *Environmental Printing Awards*, held on February 27th in Toronto, Ontario. This marks the third consecutive year that Hemlock has been named the *Most Environmentally Progressive Printer in Canada* for its efforts to promote environmentally progressive practices to its clients and industry colleagues. The *Environmental Printing Awards*, a PrintAction Magazine event, recognize excellence in Canadian environmental stewardship across the print-based communications supply chain. This award complements Hemlock's recent environmental achievements, including the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters' *2007 BC Export Award for Sustainability*, and the Capital Regional District's *2007 EcoStar Award for Corporate Social Responsibility*.

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Hemlock's most significant sustainability achievements of 2007 include:

- Sourcing a third-party environmental audit of the company's wastewater discharges and worker exposure to evaporable chemicals, ensuring compliance with Metro Vancouver's regulations and further improving practices
- Auditing waste by segmenting and weighing all waste in one dumpster and comparing it to 2006 results, showing that 80% of all manufacturing-derived waste had been eliminated from the landfill stream
- Developing *Runninggreen: the EcoPrinting Infoforum*, a full-day event where speakers from around North America spoke to an audience of 200 print purchasers and suppliers regarding methods to improve the environmental impact of the print process

"We've done a lot to improve our environmental performance. In 2007, we really focused on advocating environmentally friendly practices for our clients and our competitors by sharing our knowledge gained over this last few years," says Hemlock President & CEO, Dick Kouwenhoven. "We are working to reduce the environmental impact of the entire graphic arts industry making a business case for sustainability."

Hemlock is Western Canada's premier commercial sheetfed printer, competitively offering a full range of services through a main plant and a digital print division, both located in Burnaby, BC. With auxiliary sales offices in Victoria, Seattle, San Francisco and Monterey, Hemlock supports clients throughout North America with a focus on quality, integrity, innovation and professional service.

Proud to be a socially and environmentally responsible company, Hemlock was the first printer in the Pacific Northwest to have obtained Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain-of-Custody certification, and the only printer in Canada to be a member of Canadian Business for Social Responsibility (CBSR). Hemlock has been named the Most Environmentally Progressive Printer in Canada at the 2006, 2007 & 2008 Environmental Printing Awards, and was presented with the 2005 Ethics in Action Award for Environmental Excellence. Winner of the 2005 SAPPI International Printer of the Year competition, Hemlock's team of talented craftspeople is committed to producing the highest quality results with the lowest environmental impact. Visit us online at www.hemlock.com.

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