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HEMLOCK NAMED MOST ENVIRONMENTAL PRINTER IN CANADA FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Burnaby, BC – April 12th, 2010 – Hemlock Printers Ltd. (Burnaby) was once again honoured for its commitment to the environment at the 5th Annual Environmental Printing Awards, held April 8th, 2010 in Toronto, Ontario. Hemlock received its 5th consecutive Gold Award in the category of *Most Environmentally Progressive Printer in Canada, 100-500 employees*. Hemlock also received a Bronze Award for *Most Environmentally Progressive Print Project, Offset* for the Hollyhock Foundation 2010 Calendar. Richard Kouwenhoven, Hemlock's Vice President Client Services, was present at the awards ceremony to accept this prestigious honour. The event, hosted by PrintAction Magazine, and attended by over 350 paper and printing executives, recognizes excellence in environmental stewardship within the printing industry across Canada.

“What an honour it is to be recognized for the 5th consecutive year by our industry peers in this excellent award program. We can thank our dedicated staff for their ideas and enthusiasm in guiding Hemlock's progress every year, the support that we receive from Dick and the rest of the management team and our clients who continue to encourage and inspire our continued progress.”

Highlights of Hemlock's 2009 environmental and social achievements include:

- Achieving Carbon Neutrality in its operations, the first printing company in Canada to achieve this distinction
- Launching Zero, a Carbon Neutral Printing Program with over 60 participating projects in its first 4 months, affecting over 1,000,000 printed pieces and generating 134.4 metric tons of carbon offsets
- Continued progress promoting FSC grades to our clients which now represent over 70% of our total annual paper purchases
- Continued progress in landfill bound waste reduction now totaling 90% since 2006
- 156,000 printed pieces printed for 12 different charitable organizations under our highly successful Off Cuts for Charity program
- Raising over \$15,000 in support of local charities, and \$11,000 in support of the people of Haiti in response to the devastating Earthquake

For more information about the Environmental Print Awards, visit <http://www.printaction.com>

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.

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