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### **Congratulations to Our Champion-level Reporters!**

In the past two months, we have identified an additional 37 Champion-level reporters, bringing the total to 98. There are currently 41 Gold, 39 Silver and 18 Bronze reporters. We would like to extend our particular congratulations to the 20 new Gold Champion-level Reporters:

- Alberta Energy Company
- EPCOR
- Falconbridge Limited
- General Motors of Canada Ltd.
- Government of Alberta
- Husky Injection Molding System Ltd.
- Husky Oil Corporation
- INCO Limited
- Imperial Oil Ltd.
- Manitoba Hydro
- Mobil Canada
- Northwest Territories Power Corporation
- Nova Scotia Power Inc.
- Petro-Canada
- Rocky View School Division No. 41
- Shell Canada
- Société en commandite Gaz Métropolitain
- Spruce Falls Inc.
- Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury
- TransAlta Corporation

While the evaluation of all reports received since November 1, 1998, is complete, the evaluation feedback process remains in progress. You are encouraged to view the results

summary of any of our Champion-level reporters by clicking on the Champion-level reporting system logo next to their report information in the Challenge Registry portion of our Web site at [www.vcr-mvr.ca](http://www.vcr-mvr.ca). Should you wish to view the detailed Champion Reporting Checklist for your organization, you may do so through our on-line Registry. Please contact our office at (613) 565-5151 if you do not already have a username and password.

### **Leadership Award Winners To Be Announced on March 2**

Our six-member awards judging panel, which is drawn from our Technical Advisory Committee, met in Ottawa, Ontario, on December 17, 1999, to evaluate a short list of leaders from each sector for our 1999 Leadership Awards. At this meeting, the panel finalized the awards selection for sector, individual and association leadership, and the winners, as well as those receiving Honourable Mention, will be announced at our Council of Champions Meeting and Leadership Awards Ceremony on March 2, 2000. All of the organizations and individuals who are to be honoured at the Awards Ceremony will be contacted prior to the end of January 2000.

### **New VCR Inc. Reporter on Board**

We are pleased to welcome the Railway Association of Canada (RAC) on board our Registry as a committed supporter of the voluntary approach towards climate change mitigation. The RAC recently submitted a detailed Action Plan, which shows a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 30 per cent between 1975 and 1997!

The RAC represents 51 freight, passenger and commuter railways throughout Canada, including the two major trans-continental freight railways – the VIA Rail passenger network and regional and short-line railways. This association has long been active in environmental issues, having entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Environment Canada four years ago to limit its output of nitrogen oxides in an effort to reduce ground level ozone. The annual report written by the RAC and published by Environment Canada, concerning these emissions, also covers all railway locomotive greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the Canadian railway industry.

Over the next few years, RAC members plan to continue to reduce GHG emissions through the implementation of a series of operational improvements. Among these improvements is the introduction of new locomotives that will significantly reduce overall fuel consumption. Other technological improvements, such as dynamic brake equipment, rail gauge lubrication, and increased axle load, will also lead to more efficient fuel consumption. In addition, some Canadian railways are currently in the process of making improvements to their existing locomotives that will result in further reductions in diesel fuel consumption and in the resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. These improvements include the reduction of idle speed on diesel engines and the installation of automatic start/stop systems on the engines of switching locomotives. Traffic levels will also continue to be monitored to determine the effect of variations in rail traffic on GHG emissions and to adjust environmental policies accordingly.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this success story, please contact:

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### **Welcome to Our Newest Board and Council of Champions Members!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our most recent additions to the VCR Inc. Board of Directors:

- Mr. Robert Tessier, President and CEO of Montréal-based Gaz Métropolitain, will replace The Honourable Otto Lang to represent the Natural Gas sector;
- Dr. Peter Harrison, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada, will replace Mrs. Jean C. McCloskey as our new Natural Resources Canada representative; and
- Mr. Alan Nymark, Deputy Minister of Environment Canada, will replace Mr. Len Good as our new Environment Canada representative.

We would also like to welcome two new members to our Council of Champions:

- Mr. Jack McBain, Senior Vice-President Operations of the Canadian National Railway Company; and
- Mr. Hugh MacDiarmid, Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Congratulations! We look forward to their valuable contribution to our team.

### **Council of Champions Meeting and Leadership Awards Ceremony**

Invitations to our third annual Council of Champions Meeting and Leadership Awards Ceremony will be mailed out in January 2000. The event is scheduled to take place at the

Museum of Civilization in Hull, Québec, on the evening of March 2, 2000, and will be preceded by a Board meeting. The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, has been invited to present the leadership awards and to address the audience, along with his colleague, The Honourable David Anderson, Minister of Environment Canada. Our 1999 Annual Report will be released on the evening of the event, in addition to the results of our Annual Survey.

### **Annual Survey Results Are In...**

We would like to thank those among you who took the time to complete our second annual stakeholder survey. Again this year, we had a 31 per cent response rate, which is deemed excellent by industry standards. Your continued support was appreciated, and your feedback will be used as a means to analyze and to improve our service to you.

Conducted by COMPAS Inc., a Canadian research firm, this survey is now being compared to last year's results, and a survey summary will be published in our 1999 Annual Report, as well as in the March issue of *Champion News*.

### **Raising the Bar**

In mid-May 1999, we notified those among our registrants who had only submitted a Letter of Intent (370 of our 906 registrants) that we would require them to submit the beginnings of an Action Plan to remain registered. In the course of our subsequent follow-up, 64 have responded with an Action Plan, 37 have asked to be deleted from our Registry, and the balance have not yet given us a response. We are currently working with Natural Resources Canada's Office of Energy Efficiency and with several associations to ensure that the outstanding registrants are provided with

the help that they require to remain registered. As of January 2000, we have deleted the "Letter of Intent" category in our Challenge Registry.

### **Credit Registry vs Challenge Registry**

We are currently completing the design of the *Canadian GHG Credit Registry* on our Web site to accommodate Baseline Protection developments. Participants will be able to register their Baseline Projects here and to view a list of other projects already registered. The full implementation of this project will occur after the federal and provincial governments have held public consultation sessions and have finalized the rules under which Baseline Protection will be issued.

In addition, in order to distinguish between the two registries, we have named our existing registry of Action Plans and Progress Reports the *Challenge Registry*. Dynamically linked to the Credit Registry, but housed in a separate section of our site, this registry continues to serve as a testimony of the engagement of Canadian organizations in the serious pursuit of GHG emission reductions. Both registries are

structured in order to allow users to search for registrants and their submissions by registrant name, region, sector and/or report type.

### **Would You Like to Be Featured in a Success Story?**

As part of our efforts to promote the best practices and achievements of VCR Inc. registrants, we plan to include a success story in every issue of *Champion News*. Each story will feature a different registrant who has adopted innovative solutions or demonstrated outstanding performance over the last year. We are particularly interested in featuring stories about solutions or achievements that may be applied across a variety of sectors and/or geographical regions. Should you wish for your company or organization to be included in our series of Success Stories, please contact Brian Rawson by telephone at (613) 565-5151 or by e-mail at [brawson@vcr-mvr.ca](mailto:brawson@vcr-mvr.ca).

### **Thank You for Your Support!**

We would like to extend our thanks to those among you who submitted the names of individuals and associations who, in your opinion, had displayed extraordinary leadership towards the voluntary reduction of GHG emissions over the past year. Your help in compiling a list of worthy nominees for this year's Individual and Association Leadership Award recipients was greatly appreciated.

– *The VCR Inc. Team*

### **Meetings/Events (that involve VCR Inc.)**

Monday January 17, 2000  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
Greenhouse Emissions Management Consortium Board of Directors' Meeting – Speaking Engagement

Monday January 17, 2000  
VCR Inc. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Conference Call Meeting

Tuesday and Wednesday January 25 and 26, 2000  
Toronto, Ontario  
Micro-Modeling Workshop, Climate Change Economic Analysis Forum in cooperation with the Canadian Energy Research Institute and the Conference Board of Canada

Thursday, March 2, 2000  
Hull, Québec  
TAC Meeting with the Board, VCR Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, Annual Council of Champions Meeting and Leadership Awards Ceremony