



NEWS RELEASE

Technology Leaders recognized for their Impact in BC

VANCOUVER, BC June 8, 2005 – Over 800 members of the British Columbia technology and business community came together to recognize the Province's top technologies, companies and individuals. Taking the award for Company of the Year at the 12th Annual Technology Impact Awards is world-renowned Information Solutions company, MacDonald, Dettwiler & Associates.

MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates (MDA) is Canada's leader in essential information solutions for decision making and operational performance. Best known for its involvement with NASA, Asian and European Space Agency Missions, MDA's policy of diversification means that most of its revenues now result from its position as a major supplier of information systems and information products to customers around the world.

The Bill Thompson Award, recognizing the highest level of leadership in BC's technology industry, was awarded to long-time entrepreneur and philanthropist, Dr. Don Rix. Also recognized was Mr. Amos Michelson, CEO, Creo Inc. as BC TIA Person of the Year.

The Technology Impact Awards or TIA's (pronounced "tee-ah's"), were awarded annually by the BC Technology Industries Association (BC TIA) in a Gala event hosted at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver.

The Technology Impact Awards are broken into three distinct groups: Technology, Company and Personal Recognition Awards. Winners and Finalists are selected by a judging panel consisting of 12 representatives from the technology, Venture Capital, Legal, Accounting, Government and Education sectors.

Other winners of the 12th Annual Technology Impact Awards are as follows:

Most Promising Pre-Commercial Technology

Ascalade Communications Inc.

Excellence in Product Innovation

Apparent Networks Inc.

Best Application of Technology

PureEdge Solutions

Most Promising Start-up

Dyaptive Systems Inc.

Emerging Company of the Year

Abebooks.com

Team of the Year

Creo Inc.

Leadership in Social Responsibility

Westport Innovations

“The entrepreneurial spirit is alive, well and thriving. BC’s technology companies continue to innovate, create, grow and gain recognition on the world stage” said Cindy Pearson, Vice President, BC TIA. “The air of optimism coupled with the international attention that BC’s technology industry is receiving clearly shows we are well on our way to creating a strong, formidable industry for BC.”

This year, over 58 applications were received from technology companies of all sectors and sizes and from all corners of British Columbia. No fewer than six of the award winners can trace their beginnings to the province’s post-secondary educational institutions.

“Congratulations to all of our Winners and Finalists. The unbridled spirit in our province coupled with the world-class technology and ingenuity of our technology leaders makes BC the unique, successful technology environment it is today,” said Cindy Pearson, Vice President, BC TIA.

For more information on the awards, the finalists and the winners, please visit:

<http://www.bctia.org/awards>

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About BC TIA

BC Technology Industries Association (BC TIA) is a not-for-profit, member-funded organization that represents the technology industry of British Columbia. Our diverse membership encompasses companies in all sectors of technology ranging from BC's most prominent technology companies to early-stage and SME's. As the largest and most influential technology association in the province we provide the leadership, connection and action needed to foster the continued growth and success of the technology industry in BC.

BC TIA works to develop a positive business environment where existing technology companies will continue to succeed and where new technology companies can grow. Through the establishment of ongoing collaborative and partnership activities the Association:

- Provides advocacy and exerts political influence on behalf of our industry
- Delivers industry-focused events and seminars
- Creates public awareness and positive media relations
- Provides professional development and peer networking forums
- Offers cost-saving business services & programs
- Disseminates industry information through a broad range of communications

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About Ascalade Technologies Inc.

Ascalade Communications Inc. is a cordless telecommunications products manufacturer for OEMs, specializing in the design, development and manufacturing of DECT, 2.4GHz and WiFi products for the enterprise and home. With leading-edge creative design, engineering and high-volume manufacturing capabilities, Ascalade supplies to top global technology brand names with a focus on building their brand. Headquartered in Richmond, Canada, with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified manufacturing facilities in Dongguan, China, Ascalade provides a vertically integrated supply chain that spans all aspects of delivering large orders of uniquely designed and high-quality digital cordless products to distributors, retailers and service providers alike. www.ascalade.com

About Creo Inc.

Creo Inc. is a global company with key strengths in imaging, software, and digital printing plate technology. The leading provider of prepress systems, Creo helps over 25,000 customers worldwide adopt digital production methods which reduce costs, increase print quality and allow them to serve their customers more efficiently. Based on a solid foundation of intellectual property, Creo has an unmatched range of technology solutions that address the needs of commercial, publication, on demand, packaging, and newspaper printers, and creative professionals. Creo product lines include software and hardware for computer-to-plate imaging, systems for digital photography, scanning, and proofing, as well as printing plates and proofing media. Creo also supplies on-press imaging technology, components for digital presses, color servers, and high-speed digital printers.

Based in Vancouver, Canada, Creo reported fiscal 2004 revenue of US\$636 million. Creo trades on NASDAQ (CREO) and the TSX (CRE). www.creo.com

About Dyaptive Systems Inc.

Dyaptive Systems develops, sells and supports state-of-the-art load and performance test equipment for CDMA base station manufacturers and network operators around the world. The Vancouver-based company was founded in October 2001. For additional information, visit www.dyaptive.com.

About MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd.

MDA provides advanced information solutions that capture and process vast amounts of data, produce essential information, and improve the decision making and operational performance of business and government organizations worldwide.

Focused on markets and customers with strong repeat business potential, MDA delivers a broad spectrum of earth and space based information solutions, ranging from complex operational systems, to tailored information services, to electronic information products.

MDA employs more than 2,500 people in locations across the United States, Europe, and Canada. The Company's common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol TSX:MDA. Further information on MDA is available at www.mdacorporation.com

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