

Canadian Hydropower Association announces appointment of new President

Ottawa, May 25, 2009 – The Board of Directors of the Canadian Hydropower Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Jacob Irving as President of the Association.

Mr. Irving has over 10 years of experience as an association manager and government relations specialist. He holds a B.S.Sc. in Political Science from the University of Ottawa.

“We are delighted to welcome Jacob Irving as our new President,” said Colin Clark, Executive Vice President & Chief Technical Officer of Brookfield Renewable Power Inc., and Chair of the Board of the Canadian Hydropower Association (CHA). “Jacob has a background dealing with many complex issues and a wide range of stakeholders in the energy industry, and his skills will help the CHA to enhance the position of hydropower as clean, renewable energy.”

Most recently, Mr. Irving was Executive Director of the Oil Sands Developers Group (OSDG), where he acted as spokesperson for the association. He conducted municipal, provincial and federal government relations, aboriginal relations, and other stakeholder relations. Mr. Irving also worked in government and in the petroleum energy sector in Canada and overseas. From 1995 to 2000 he was successively Information Officer in the Library of Parliament in Ottawa, Project Manager for the Western Cape Provincial Government in Cape Town, South Africa and Project Manager with Foreign Affairs and International Trade/Industry Canada. From 2000 until 2006 Mr. Irving managed government and public affairs in the private sector, first for BP Canada and later for Devon Canada Corporation.

Mr. Clark also took the opportunity to reiterate the Association’s gratitude to outgoing president Pierre Fortin, for his 10 years of dedicated service at the helm of the CHA. Mr. Fortin will serve as Special Advisor to the Board of Directors until his departure at the end of June.

About the Canadian Hydropower Association

Founded in 1998, the Canadian Hydropower Association (CHA) is the national association dedicated to representing the interests of the hydropower industry. Its principal mandate is to promote hydropower nationally and internationally as a source of renewable energy, to make the economic and environmental advantages of hydropower better known, and to publicize the benefits of hydropower in the search for sustainable energy solutions. CHA members represent more than 95% of hydropower capacity in Canada. Close to 60% of Canada’s electricity comes from hydropower.

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