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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INVESTS IN GREEN JOBS TO BOOST BRANT COUNTY ECONOMY

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO, APRIL 16, 2010 – The Government of Canada is investing in green jobs that will help boost the economy in Brant County. Member of Parliament for Brant Phil McColeman announced the \$740,000 investment today, in which Skylar Electric Vehicles and Colonial Wood Products will each receive \$250,000 and Contract Drilling Professionals will receive \$240,000 to create jobs and expand their businesses.

“This investment represents new horizons for the manufacturers as well as new directions for our regional economy,” said MP Phil McColeman. “These projects are using innovative ‘green’ approaches to energy consumption and in turn, will create jobs in our communities.”

Skylar Electric Vehicles of Burford will test and manufacture electric vehicles for such potential markets as the agriculture and the mining industries. By replacing gas-based technology, electric vehicles can reduce costs for agricultural and mining industries while reducing emissions. The project will create five new full-time jobs, including high-tech jobs in electrical engineering and technical assembly.

With its expansion into vertical geothermal drilling, Contract Drilling Professionals Inc. of Burford will add seven full-time jobs using high skilled members of the agricultural workforce to specialize in vertical drilling for geothermal loop installations in urban areas. The largest markets for this fossil fuel alternative are new home construction, industrial facilities as well as commercial and institutional buildings.

Strong demand for sawdust in the current market led Colonial Wood Products of Brantford to expand their company with two new product lines. A unique bedding product for the equestrian market is composed almost entirely of sawdust from waste wood, and bulk sawdust created with high-speed processing. This initiative will both retain and create twenty jobs as well as benefit the environment.

The funding is being provided through the Sand Plains Community Development Fund and is administered by the Ontario Association of Community Futures Development Corporations. The fund targets community-based initiatives that support regional development, attract and retain people and investment, and stimulate business development and job creation.

For more information on the Sand Plains Community Development Fund, please visit www.ontcfdc.com or www.sandplains.ca.



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