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Press Release

Ottawa Companies Target 1,000 Solar Rooftop Systems for the Nation's Capital

Ottawa, ON, February 10, 2010: A Group of Ottawa companies led by The Delphi Group announced their intention to install solar power systems on their operating facilities by next summer. The companies also proposed that Ottawa business, governments and community organizations could reach a target of 1,000 solar rooftop systems in the Nation's Capital within two years.

The newly formed Ottawa Solar Installations on Rooftops Initiative (OSIRIS) is issuing the challenge to other companies and organizations to reach the 1,000 solar rooftop quota. Currently, OSIRIS is comprised of four environment and infrastructure companies: The Delphi Group; Water and Earth Science Associates Ltd (WESA Group); Lumos Energy and MHPM. They are looking for additional like-minded companies to join OSIRIS to build critical mass around environmental issues.

"The international climate change meetings in Copenhagen kick-started our company's decision to make solar power for our offices a reality," said Mike Gerbis, Delphi CEO, "As private businesses, we all have a social responsibility to do our part to be more energy efficient and utilize renewable energy".

In order to hit the 1,000 rooftop challenge, OSIRIS is banking on companies to start building environmental strategies into their overall fiscal business plans. Solar power is now economically-viable because the Ontario government has recently introduced a Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) program for green power, which includes a price premium for rooftop solar power systems.

"This is the right thing to do, at the right time," said Chris Henderson, President of Lumos Energy, "While the return on investment in solar rooftop installation is low, it is revenue positive over the life cycle of systems".

As part of the campaign to encourage companies to join the rooftop challenge, OSIRIS will host a series of Solar Rooftop Open Houses throughout 2010. The open houses will include detailed instructions on the installation of solar rooftop panels and a "how to" discussion on applying to the Ontario FIT program.

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