



Natural gas gaining momentum as transportation fuel

Ottawa, June 27, 2011 – The Canadian Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance (CNGVA) said today a recent \$1.5-million donation to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) to accelerate its alternative fuel research program signals building momentum for greater use of natural gas to fuel Canada’s transportation sector.

The donation to UOIT was made by Jeffrey Boyce, Chairman and CEO of Calgary-based Sure Energy Inc. It will fund a research chair in Natural Gas as an Alternative Transportation Fuel. Research outcomes include improving the design of equipment for compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) use in the transportation sector.

“The creation of this new research chair is extremely important,” said CNGVA President Alicia Milner. “It demonstrates an increasing awareness of the tremendous potential of natural gas transportation technologies to reduce carbon emissions and contribute to Canada’s economic prosperity. Canada is already home to many leading companies involved in the supply chain for natural gas, heavy natural gas engines for trucks and buses, and vehicle and station components. Investment in research will further strengthen Canada’s leadership position in the supply of low-carbon transportation technologies.”

The Canadian Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance is a national trade association that advocates for the sustainable growth of natural gas vehicles, refuelling infrastructure, and renewable gaseous fuels for the benefit of Canada’s economy and environment.

Canada’s first two major liquefied natural gas (LNG) highway truck projects will begin in 2011, with Robert Trucking operating up to 180 LNG trucks in Québec and Ontario, and Vedder Transport operating 50 LNG trucks in British Columbia. Canada’s first natural gas refuse truck fleet was recently put into service by Waste Management in British Columbia. Earlier this month, the City of Surrey, British Columbia, became Canada’s first municipality to require the use of lower-emission natural gas refuse trucks for residential collection services.

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