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PROPANE INDUSTRY NAMES AWARD WINNERS PGAC Presents the 2009 National Propane Awards of Distinction

Ottawa, June 8, 2009...The Propane Gas Association of Canada (PGAC) announced the winners of the 2009 National Propane Awards of Distinction on Thursday evening, June 4th, during the 42nd Annual PGAC Conference at the Westin Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario.

Now in its third year, the Awards program provides an opportunity for the PGAC to recognize individuals and companies who have distinguished themselves in the Canadian propane industry and, through a student scholarship award, highlight the industry to prospective new employees.

"I can't stress the importance of acknowledging these individuals and companies, and countless others who go unnamed as well, for giving their time and resources to the industry," says Ann Marie Hann, PGAC President. "These days, there is no such thing as spare time or spare resources, so the choice to dedicate a little extra of either to industry interests is an invaluable investment that benefits us all."

QUICK FACTS:

The following Awards were presented:

- **President's Award (Individual)** - Presented to Mr. Bob Bush, Canwest Propane Partnership, Calgary, Alberta.
- **President's Award (Company)** - Presented to Shell Canada Energy, Calgary, Alberta.
- **PGAC Volunteer Service Award** - Presented to Mr. Maurice Gratton, NGL Supply Co. Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
- **The W.L. Kurtze Student Scholarship Award** - Presented to Mr. Christopher (Chris) Rousch, Provident Midstream LP, Calgary Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

President's Award (Individual) - Presented to Mr. Bob Bush, Canwest Propane Partnership, Calgary, Alberta. This award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the standards and practices of the propane industry. With over 29 years in the propane industry, Mr. Bush's consistent contributions to leadership, promotion, and understanding of the propane industry, have earned him extremely high regard from all who know and have come into contact with him. When asked what has motivated his sustained effort over the years, Bob explained, "The whole is greater than the sum of the parts, so it's always been my position to do my part to contribute to the collective strength that enables us to come out on the good side of an issue."

President's Award (Company) - Presented to Shell Canada Energy, Calgary, Alberta. This award recognizes PGAC member companies that have made significant contributions to the industry in Canada. Active in Canada for almost 100 years, Shell Canada Energy has long supported industry goals through direct association involvement at the board level for the PGAC



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and PGAC subsidiary, the LPG Emergency Response Corporation, as well as through participation in countless initiatives. "While the company articulates the importance of industry involvement," says spokesperson **Drew Harris**, "the individuals make the decision to volunteer on their own. This award therefore reflects the outstanding volunteer spirit of individual employees as much as that of the company". The award was accepted by **Dominic Michiels**, Manager - LPG Marketing.

PGAC Volunteer Service Award - Presented to Mr. Maurice Gratton, NGL Supply Co. Ltd., Calgary, Alberta. This award recognizes individuals who have made significant or consistent outstanding volunteer service contributions to the PGAC. A 20+ year veteran in the propane industry, covering all aspect of supply, logistics, marketing and trading, Mr. Gratton has worked tirelessly as a PGAC volunteer in various capacities. Always content to spend less time talking and more time doing, Maurice had this to say about receiving this award: "I wouldn't choose to be in the spotlight; I just try to participate and help out. Even the smallest contribution helps with the bigger picture and anytime we share the workload it's a lot easier for everyone."

The W.L. Kurtze Student Scholarship Award - Presented to Mr. Christopher (Chris) Rousch, Provident Midstream LP, Calgary Alberta; a student in the Cornell-Queen's Executive MBA Program. This award, valued at \$1,000, has been established to honour Bill Kurtze for his exemplary contributions to the PGAC, and is awarded to post-secondary students pursuing a career related to the propane industry. Currently an integral part of midstream operations, Mr. Rousch also back in school to gain the skills required for executive management. To all those considering skill development in the industry Chris says, "The propane industry offers many opportunities for people with a variety of backgrounds. It's an exciting growth area, and with production, supply, retailing, technical areas - a world of experiences."

The PGAC thanked **BP Canada Energy Company** for its generous sponsorship of this year's Awards reception and dinner.

LEARN MORE: [Profile of the 2009 PGAC Awards of Distinction Winners](#)

The PGAC is the national voice of the Canadian propane industry. Our mission is to support our members in the growth and development of a safe, environmentally responsible Canadian propane industry, for the benefit of all Canadians. Our nearly 300 members include propane producers, wholesalers, retailers and transporters, as well as manufacturers of appliances, cylinders and equipment. Propane is a widely available, cost-competitive, clean-burning and portable fuel that plays an increasingly important role in the Canadian energy mix. Canada's propane industry has a \$9.6 billion economic impact in Canada, supporting the livelihood of more than 20,000 Canadians. Visit www.propanegas.ca.

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