

Press Release

**A SCIENTIFIC STUDY CONFIRMS THAT AN ADEQUATE SEPTIC INSTALLATION CAN RETAIN
PHOSPHORUS CONTAINED IN DOMESTIC WASTEWATER**

Rivière-du-Loup, September 17th 2007 – Premier Tech, by means of its business unit, Premier Tech Environment (PTE), a world leader in the development of technologies for the treatment of residential, commercial and community wastewater, divulges the results of an American study which clearly demonstrates that its Ecoflo® technology, and particularly its patented filter installed in conformance with the current regulations, allows retention of phosphorus, reduction of nitrogen and elimination of fecal coliform bacteria, which are at the origin of the degradation of many lakes in Quebec.

« The magnitude of the problem with cyanobacteria in Quebec constitutes a real concern for everybody. Considering the devastating effects of phosphorus on the water quality of our lakes and watercourses, we believe that the Government must ensure that its citizens' septic installations that surround the lakes and which are "at risk" must quickly be brought up to today's standards» stipulated PTE's President, Mr. Henri Ouellet, while he was presenting the results of a scientific study completed upon the Virginia Department of Health's request (USA).

According to this recent independent study conducted by the renowned Dr. Robert A. Rubin who is an emeritus professor at the University of North Carolina and a scientific consultant for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a septic system installation which includes the Ecoflo® Biofilter can retain up to 98% of the phosphorus contained in domestic wastewater. This study confirms the role of the soil in the reduction of phosphorus, nitrogen and pathogenic organisms following treatment with an Ecoflo® Biofilter, a unique technology certified by the "Bureau de Normalisation du Québec" (BNQ).

« It is important that the Government act beginning this year, giving priority to areas by following objective criteria and taking into account the fragility and vulnerability of certain lakes which are already identified» added Mr. Ouellet.

Conducted for a period of 4 years, this study also confirms the beliefs sustained by wastewater treatment scientists who contend that we should reserve the soils to eliminate phosphorus and complete the treatment of wastewater. According to PTE, it is possible and realistic to offer to the citizens' concrete solutions that are accessible in order to stop the proliferation of harmful blue-green algae.

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«We therefore support Quebec's Government in its efforts to provide better tools to the municipalities and help them apply the laws and regulations in force and assure us that the citizens who own a septic system have access to the best technical means and to all the pertinent information that will allow them to contribute to solving the problem with our lakes» concluded PTE's President.

PTE is a business unit evolving within Premier Tech, an established (more than 85 years) international corporation with its head office located in Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec. Premier Tech has more than 1,600 employees in North America, Europe and Asia. For more than 20 years, PTE has implemented one of the most important Innovation, Research and Development (IR&D) programs in the industry. PTE offers wastewater treatment solutions from residential to municipal applications. In the course of the last several years, 20,000 Quebec families have chosen the Ecoflo® system in order to efficiently prevent cyanobacteria problems in our lakes and our watercourses, thus contributing to environmental protection.

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