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Omni Facility Services Canada Limited Receives Recognition for Environmental Leadership

TORONTO – August 2008 – **Omni Facility Services Canada Limited recently received the “Environmental Stewardship Award” for their environmental leadership from North America’s most widely recognized environmental mark – the EcoLogo^{CM} program.**

“Omni understands that using EcoLogo-certified products from Avmor for the facilities in their care is good for business and the environment,” says Scott McDougall, President of the EcoLogo program. “Clearly, their decision to purchase certified green products fits into Omni’s strong commitment to environmental protection,” states McDougall.

At a recent event, Melissa Peneycad, Consultant and Client Service Manager with the EcoLogo Program, presented Omni with their Environmental Stewardship Award. Omni received this recognition as they purchased Avmor EcoLogo-certified cleaning products for the numerous commercial properties in its care. A number of industry leaders and media representatives were in attendance for this event, which was held at First Canadian Place building in downtown Toronto.

Neil Lathangue, President & CEO Omni Facility Services Canada accepted this environmental award on behalf of Omni. Lathangue says, “On behalf of our company and our dedicated staff, I am pleased and proud to accept this award.

Omni has been intent and successful in developing its business and operational platforms. Omni, our staff, our stakeholders are up to the challenge of not just meeting but surpassing the focus and needs of our clients.

Omni's Green strategy, implementation and achievement puts us in partnership with our clients and their goal of an increasing focus on environmental management and stewardship. Omni does this in an environmentally sound way.

What is green cleaning today, will become the norm in the very near future, there shall be no differentiation.

This reality truly reflects the ‘greening’ of Canadian real estate.”

Omni, Canada’s largest facility services company, is focused on delivering a premier service experience to its clients based on the company’s core values of integrity, respect and caring. “At Omni, we don’t just say we care, we’ve actually changed the way we do business to reflect this core value,” says Ross Manley, VP Corporate Development. “For example, we clean the facilities in our care with environmentally preferable products; we’ve rationalized all chemicals used and approved standard products on the basis of their third-party environmental certification,” says Manley.

Omni has committed to purchasing and using a range of ‘green’ cleaning chemicals from Avmor which are all third-party certified by the EcoLogo program.

Environmentally preferable cleaning products from Avmor provide numerous environmental and health benefits. For example, by choosing these genuinely green products, Omni is helping to reduce the prevalence of asthma and allergies for building tenants and cleaning staff caused by volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Omni is also helping to reduce phosphate pollution that contributes to, among other things, blue green algae that can choke our water systems. Additionally, using Avmor EcoLogo-certified cleaning products can contribute to increased property values. For example, according to a 2003 study

conducted for California's Sustainable Building Taskforce, property values can increase up to \$4 for every \$1 spent on 'green' initiatives, including the implementation of 'green cleaning programs'.

In short, EcoLogo-certified Avmor cleaning products help companies like Omni – and their clients – reduce their environmental footprint and provide a safe and healthy environment for their employees and building tenants.

"It is my pleasure to recognize and reward Omni's commitment to the environment," says McDougall. "Omni is sending a powerful message to the marketplace; through their actions, they're letting other facility service providers know that making a strong commitment to the environment makes good business sense."

Founded in 1988, EcoLogo is North America's most respected and established multi-attribute environmental standard and certification mark. In a skeptical marketplace, EcoLogo builds the trust needed by providing scientific credibility and proof of environmental leadership. EcoLogo provides customers -- public, corporate and consumer -- with assurance that the products and services bearing the logo meet stringent environmental standards that have been verified by a third party auditor. By certifying environmental leaders in over 120 product categories, EcoLogo helps customers find and trust the world's most sustainable products -- like Avmor's line of certified green cleaning products. To learn more about this program, please visit www.ecologo.org.



Darrell Campbell of Avmor (far left) and Melissa Peneycad of the EcoLogo Program present the "Environmental Stewardship Award" to Neil Lathangue, President and CEO of Omni (middle right) and Ross Manley, VP Corporate Development (far right).

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