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Occupational Health and Safety in Gatineau, Québec

AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS)

We are proud recipients of a prestigious award in the Outaouais Region of our service territory called *Le Prix innovation en santé et sécurité du travail*. This annual prize is awarded by the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CSST). The objective of this award is to engage employees and employers in all 21 Québec regions to develop and adopt solutions that can effectively prevent workplace accidents and illnesses.



Our proposal focused on slip and fall prevention and in particular, the introduction of winter traction devices to prevent slips and trips during slippery winter weather. These innovative devices are designed to stretch on and under footwear to improve traction on ice or snow surfaces.

On December 15, 2009, CEO Paul Guindon had the distinct pleasure of hosting a reception for three members of the *Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CSST)*, our Occupational Health and Safety Advisor, members of our Joint Occupational Health and Safety committee in Gatineau, and various key staff who regularly contribute to OHS projects.

During this reception, CSST showed us a professionally produced video that features our commissionaires in Gatineau, our dedication to implementing health and safety measures in the workplace, and our decision to invest in winter traction devices. At the conclusion of the video presentation, CSST presented us with a plaque and advised that in addition to winning this award in the Outaouais Region, our proposal has been escalated for consideration at the provincial level too. Winners will be announced at a gala in Québec City in April 2010.

LtoR: Lucie Rochon (Co-Chair, Gatineau Joint Occupational Health and Safety committee, Montréal Métallos); François Asselin, (directeur en santé et sécurité – CSST, direction régionale de l'Outaouais); Christine Fortuna, (directrice régionale de l'Outaouais – CSST), Gilles Plouffe, (Co-Chair, Gatineau Occupational Health and Safety committee), Paul Guindon (CEO, Commissionaires Ottawa), Claude Vincent (Occupational Health and Safety Advisor, Commissionaires Ottawa), and Anne Charlebois (Regional Delegate, Gatineau Joint Occupational Health and Safety committee). Thanks also to Christiane Bernard (not shown), communicatrice régionale, responsable du projet "Prix innovation" à la direction régionale CSST- Outaouais, for joining us at the reception.



CEO Paul Guindon would like to congratulate our Occupational Health and Safety Advisor Claude Vincent and our Joint Occupational Health and Safety committee in Gatineau for collaborating on innovative ways in which we promote, educate and motivate our employees in slip and fall prevention and other OHS solutions.