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## **BC Bioenergy Network announce Website Update and Board Changes**

VANCOUVER, BC – 3 September, 2013 - BC Bioenergy Network (“BCBN”), a provincially-funded society supporting the growing bioenergy sector in British Columbia, released its new website and provided an update to its Board composition.

The new website features the [BCBN Performance Report](#) which describes the activities, investments, and impacts from inception in 2008 to current year 2013. A condensed [Overview](#) of the Performance Report describes how BCBN is building British Columbia’s new bio-economy by championing bioenergy development and creating greater value from forests and other biomass resources that benefit the province.

The Board sends its best wishes to John Allan who served as Chair of the Board since inception. Mr. Allan recently stepped down as President and CEO of the Council of Forest Industries (“COFI”) and Doug Routledge has taken on the role of Acting President and CEO of COFI. Doug has also become a Director on the BCBN Board.

“We extend our gratitude to John Allan for his leadership as Chair of the Board,” said Michael Weedon, Executive Director at BC Bioenergy Network. “John’s valuable input and guidance were instrumental in the successes that BCBN has achieved over the last 5 years.”

The Board also welcomes Brent Sauder, Director of Strategic Partnerships at the University of British Columbia. Brent has accepted the role of Chair of the Board. Bill Tam, President and CEO of the BC Technology Industry Association, Garnet Etsell, past Chair of the BC Agriculture Council and owner/operator of Coligny Hill Farms, and Michael Weedon, Executive Director, complete our Board membership. Full biographies are found on the new company website.

**About BC BIOENERGY NETWORK** - Established in April 2008 with a \$25 million grant from the BC government, BC Bioenergy Network is an industry-led association that acts as a catalyst for deploying near-term bioenergy technologies and organizing mission-driven research for the development and demonstration of sustainable world class bioenergy capability in BC. For more information about BCBN, visit [www.bcbioenergy.ca](http://www.bcbioenergy.ca).

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