



National Bioenergy Day - October 21, 2015
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PRESS RELEASE

Minister Virk Honours National Bioenergy Day in the BC Legislature



From Left to right: Linda Reimer, MLA, John Yap, MLA, Marnie Plant, BC Bioenergy Network, Brent Sauder, Chair of the Board of BC Bioenergy Network, Dr. Bryan Imber, ICC Group, Hon. Amrik Virk, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens Services, Michael Weedon, Executive Director BC Bioenergy Network, Jane Thornthwaite, MLA

Hon. Amrik Virk, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens Services, rose in the BC Legislature Wednesday, in recognition of National Bioenergy Day, to introduce four BC leaders in the development of Bioenergy: Dr. Bryan Imber, President and CEO, ICC Group, Canada; Michael Weedon, Executive Director, BC Bioenergy Network; Brent Sauder, Chair of the Board, BC Bioenergy Network; Marnie Plant, Strategic Advisor, BC Bioenergy Network.

BC Based ICC Group Announcement: \$CAN 100 Million Waste Wood-to Energy Plant in the UK

Coinciding with National Bioenergy Day Wednesday, Dr. Bryan Imber, CEO of ICC Group, (International Composting Corporation), based in Sidney, BC, was pleased to announce the agreement to build a \$CAN 100 million, 9MWe waste wood to power plant near Banbury, UK. This is the first of three similar sites ICC is expecting to develop. Each plant will supply sufficient electricity to power 3,600 homes.

"B.C. is proud of the work and leadership role companies like ICC play in the clean tech industry," said Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services, Amrik Virk. "A recent Canadian Clean Technology Industry Report forecasts that the global market for clean technology and services is expected to grow to \$3 trillion by 2020, and it's companies like ICC that are positioning B.C. to be on the cutting edge of clean tech."

Dr. Imber commented, "ICC Group is grateful for the partnership we have enjoyed with the BC Bioenergy Network, since 2009, when they made their original investment of \$ 1 million in our source separated organics reactor demonstration in Nanaimo. We have continued to partner with the BC Bioenergy Network through all these years, to further progress our liquid fuels development program. We expect liquid fuels to provide tremendous business development opportunities throughout BC."

National Bioenergy Day Background

National Bioenergy Day is a national awareness raising program based in the United States, launched in 2013. As the Biomass Thermal Energy Council website states, "It is a day of advocacy for all kinds of heat and power generated by woody biomass and agricultural waste, from large-scale utilities to home heating stoves... it is an event uniting all aspects of the bioenergy supply chain, including foresters, landowners, manufacturers, power producers and consumers. Last year National Bioenergy Day yielded 50 events. Biomass facilities and universities hosted hundreds of visitors." Many more open house events are planned for this year.

This is the second year that National Bioenergy Day is being recognized in BC. The Day was also recognized in Prince George, with several events planned for the [University of Northern British Columbia campus](#).

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. BC Bioenergy Network also organizes mission-driven research for the development and demonstration of new bioenergy technologies that are environmentally appropriate for the province of BC. BC is well positioned to become a major player in the global bioenergy sector. The province is steward to one of the largest forested areas in the world, and a leader in biomass to value-added wood products. BC is also a North American leader in the Zero Waste Challenge at the Municipal level with both Metro Vancouver and Regional District of Nanaimo being recognized nationally for their achievements in reducing municipal waste. BC Bioenergy Network has been a pioneer in partnering with technology developers and local governments in BC, to introduce a variety of organic waste to energy solutions for BC. Similar solutions for the Agricultural sector have been slower to progress but are now emerging in a dramatic way.

For more information about BCBN, visit www.bcbioenergy.ca

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