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MEDIA RELEASE

BURLINGTON, ON (April 14, 2011) - The Burlington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) elected three new business leaders to its Board of Directors today at the organization's Annual General Meeting. In addition, John Chisholm CEO and Partner of SB Partners was appointed as the new Chair of the Board. The Board provides strategic direction to the organization and the development and delivery of the City's economic development program. BEDC is governed by a 20 member Board of Directors representing a diverse cross section of the Burlington business community. Joining the BEDC Board are:

Louise St-Pierre
Senior Vice President, Residential Services, Cogeco Cable Canada LP

Paul Subject
President, STANMECH Technologies Inc.

Ruta Stauskas
Vice President, Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd.

"I would like to extend a warm welcome to Louise St-Pierre, Paul Subject and Ruta Stauskas who join our Board of Directors", said John Chisholm, newly appointed Chair of the Burlington Economic Development Corporation. "It is a privilege to chair such a dynamic team of business and community leaders who donate their numerous skills, time and knowledge to support the goals of the BEDC and to work with the dedicated and enthusiastic BEDC team. As we begin this new term, we look forward to helping BEDC continue to position the City of Burlington as the premier location to local, national and international businesses. The continued support of the City of Burlington and our corporate partners allow us to carry out a strong program on behalf of the community and we appreciate their support."

The new Board members are filling places resulting from the departure of: Paul Bates, Past Dean, DeGroote School of Business McMaster University and David Ratcliffe, President, Pink Elephant.

"Our retiring Board members are commended for the contribution they have made to the Burlington community and BEDC" said Kyle Benham, Executive Director, BEDC. "I have been privileged to work with a strong Board of Directors that is involved and committed to supporting economic

development initiatives throughout the City. The BEDC Board is an active and diverse group with expertise in the multiple areas of business, education, municipal government and community development.”

Representation on the BEDC Board includes leading-edge community business executives along with Mohawk College. Mayor Rick Goldring, City Councillors Sharman and Dennison also sit on the Board.

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About BEDC

Burlington Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) is a non-profit organization established in 1994 to work with the public and private sectors to promote economic growth in Burlington. In partnership with the City of Burlington, BEDC works closely with local stakeholders as they strive to satisfy the needs of companies interested in locating or expanding in Burlington.