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Contech Electronics Named VIATeC Member of the Year

***Award Recognizes nearly 20 years of
Support and Participation within the Tech Community***

Victoria, Canada (May 8, 2006) The Vancouver Island Advanced Technology Centre (VIATeC) has named Contech Electronics “VIATeC Member of the Year.” Established in 1987, Contech is a designer and provider of animal care and control technology for the pet and garden industries. Contech is well known in both the pet and garden markets for innovative products such as the ScatMat® pet training mat, and the ScareCrow® motion-activated sprinkler.

According to Dan Gunn, executive director of VIATeC, the award recognizes a company that “serves as a great example of being a great member.” In reference to the company’s 20-person operation, Gunn said that despite the company’s size, Contech “really stands out” for its contributions to the community, including active participation in VIATeC events, providing leadership and advice to junior members, and helping to improve the products and services offered by the organization. “They do all of that, and because of their size...they punch above their weight in a lot of ways,” said Gunn.

In response to the award, Contech CEO Mark Grambart noted that the community service aspect of this award aligns closely with Contech’s corporate culture. “It’s a great honour for Contech, because everybody here really does their best to make a difference – whether within the company, or out in the community” said Grambart. “Right from the start, Contech has always been a great place to work — in part because of the upbeat

culture carried forward from the company's early days, and of course, the ongoing influence and support of Contech co-founder and chief innovator Erik Djukastein.

Added Djukastein, "Contech has really come of age in the past couple of years, and as the company continues to develop and expand over the next few years, we're determined to maintain this positive work environment; thanks to everyone here, and to the hardworking folks at VIATeC, it looks like we're on the right track."

For more information on the 2006 VIATeC Technology Awards, visit www.viatec.ca.

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About Contech Electronics *Established in 1987, Contech Electronics is a designer and provider of advanced animal training, control and wellness products for pet owners and gardeners all over the world. Safe and effective solutions such as the ScatMat pet training mat and the ScareCrow outdoor animal deterrent have made Contech a favourite among pet owners and gardeners alike, and continue to reinforce the company's reputation as a leading innovator. Contech products are available online at www.contech-inc.com, through pet and garden stores, and from national retailers such as Lee Valley Tools and Home Hardware. For more information, visit www.contech-inc.com.*