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## **Contech CEO named among Vancouver Island's "Top 40 under 40" Business Leaders**

**VICTORIA, BC (June 26, 2006)** Vancouver Island's first annual "Top 40 under 40" awards program has named Mark Grambart among the Island's notable young business leaders. Grambart is the CEO of Contech Electronics – a designer of advanced animal care, training and control technology. Organised by the Times Colonist and Copeland Communications, the "Top 40 under 40" awards celebrate the Island's top business leaders under the age of 40.

Raised and educated on Vancouver Island, Mark Grambart joined Contech as CEO in 2004 as the next phase of an impressive career that includes leading a 50-member R&D team at Mercedes-Benz's Stuttgart headquarters, and then at 29, accepting the role of vice-president and general manager of the \$1.5-billion J.M. Huber conglomerate's industrial business unit. After more than a decade of living in five countries and four U.S. states, Grambart and his wife, Lisa, returned to Vancouver Island to raise their two young children in Victoria. Since joining Contech, Grambart has significantly increased the company's presence within the booming pet and garden market, signing deals to extend Contech's reach into the mainstream through large retailers such as Petsmart, PetCo and Target and Home Depot.

According to Contech president and co-founder Erik Djukastein, Grambart's commitment to building a world-class team and fostering the best possible work environment provides a solid foundation for the company's long-term growth and success. "Mark is a shining example of an advanced education and business community that does things right," said Djukastein "At only 34, Grambart brings a lifetime's worth of career success and experience to our community here on Vancouver Island."

Vancouver Island's "Top 40 under 40" awards will be presented at a gala dinner at the Laurel Point Inn on Wednesday, June 28, 2006

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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® motion-activated sprinkler have made Contech a favorite among pet owners and gardeners alike, and continue to reinforce the company's reputation as a leading innovator in the pet and garden industries. For more information, visit [www.contech-inc.com](http://www.contech-inc.com)*