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**ENCANA PARTNERS TO ENABLE
PEARSON COLLEGE – ENCANA – CLEAN CURRENT
TIDAL POWER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AT RACE ROCKS, BC**

Victoria – Thanks to an innovative partnership between Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific, EnCana Corporation and Clean Current Power Systems Incorporated, Canada's first free-stream tidal power project will be built at the Race Rocks Ecological Reserve, offshore of Vancouver Island in British Columbia. The project will enable the world famous marine park to tap into surrounding ocean currents and convert tidal energy to electric power for its needs beginning in early 2006.

Making the announcement were Gwyn Morgan, President and CEO of EnCana, Glen Darou, President and CEO of Clean Current, Richard Neufeld, British Columbia Minister of Energy and Mines, and Stuart Walker, Director of Pearson College.

Officially known as the "*Pearson College - EnCana - Clean Current Tidal Power Demonstration Project at Race Rocks*," the project is enabled by a \$3-million investment from the EnCana Environmental Innovation Fund.

"EnCana is pleased to be a partner in this first-class, alternative energy project," said Morgan. "Our investment in this B.C.-based unconventional environmental and power technology reflects our desire to tangibly encourage innovative energy solutions."

EnCana's Environmental Innovation Fund was established to advance new technologies and solutions that improve environmental performance associated with consuming and producing energy. Commercial proceeds from financed projects will be re-invested into the fund to ensure their sustainability.

"The commitment by Premier Campbell in promoting alternative energy sources has helped British Columbia become a world leader in sustainable environmental management," said Neufeld. "The province commends projects like this one, as they show our commitment to developing clean energy solutions that will benefit all British Columbians."

The multi-year demonstration project will involve the installation, operation and monitoring of a 65kW free-stream tidal turbine generator in the water near Race Rocks, a provincial ecological reserve located 10 nautical miles southwest of Victoria.

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The Pearson College – EnCana – Clean Current Tidal Power Demonstration Project at Race Rocks



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Clean Current is a private British Columbia-based company that designs and licenses technology that efficiently converts the energy of tidal currents into electricity. Clean Current's proprietary technology consists of a horizontal-axis ducted turbine with a direct-drive variable speed permanent magnet generator. The turbine generator is equally efficient in both directions as the tidal currents reverse twice each day.

"This Canadian technology is simple, efficient and environmentally friendly," said Darou. "We believe it is highly exportable technology, with strong potential to succeed in international settings. Our company is delighted to have the support of EnCana, Pearson College, and technical partners AMEC, Powertech Labs Inc. and Triton Consultants Ltd."

Pearson College, one of ten United World Colleges worldwide, is the custodian of the Race Rocks Ecological Reserve, located three nautical miles from campus. Diesel-powered generators currently provide electricity requirements at the reserve. Students and staff will work elements of the tidal power demonstration project into their studies.

"This is a terrific project for Pearson College, in that it supports our goal of making the ecological reserve a showcase for alternative, low-impact technologies such as tidal power," said Walker. "We would like to thank Clean Current for their commitment to developing the technology and EnCana for the financial support that is making this demonstration project possible."

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