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DATE: July 18, 2008
TO: All CHBA Members
From: John Hrynkow, President
RE: OUR ENVIRONMENTAL SUCCESS STORY

Earlier this year, Canada's official report under the Kyoto Treaty showed that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions released by **Canadian homes in 2006 had fallen to 8.5% below their level in 1990 – surpassing the Kyoto target set for Canada as a whole.**

In order to verify that this good news was solid, the CHBA commissioned Marbek Resource Consultants, Canada's leading energy analysts, to review the data and provide their perspective.

The Marbek research verifies that **the residential sector has made tremendous progress in terms of the energy performance of homes.** The report, entitled [*The Energy and Greenhouse Gas Performance of Canada's Residential Sector, 1990 to 2005*](#), presents highlights from the data.

The impressive environmental performance of the residential sector stands in sharp contrast with other areas of the economy. For instance, we have significantly outperformed the commercial and institutional sector.

Is there more to be accomplished? Of course. But policy-makers and our customers need to know that **we are getting the job done, while keeping costs under control.**

Our industry has shown tremendous leadership in terms of the environment. We need to stick with the **voluntary, market-driven approach** that has delivered these results, **we don't need new layers of regulation** – we need governments to work with us to keep up the momentum.

This truly is a good new story!