

# ***News Release***

## **Ontario Becomes First in North America to Provide Energy Credits for Drain Water Heat Recovery (DWHR) in Building Code**

### **Positive Impact on New Home Construction Costs, New Home Energy Costs and Green Jobs**

Kitchener, Ontario: On March 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, Ontario officially became the first Jurisdiction in North America to provide direct Energy Credits for Drain Water Heat Recovery (DWHR) technology within the Building Code, following France, the UK and the Netherlands.

Today, Ontario government officials and building industry experts discussed the importance of the Drain Water Heat Recovery technology for current and future homes, apartment buildings, hotels and commercial buildings, as well as the impact that this recent amendment to Ontario's Building Code will have across North America for home builders, home buyers, green jobs and the environment.

#### **QUOTES**

"It's great to have a local manufacturing success story like RenewABILITY Energy here in our community. Their innovative, energy efficient product, the Power-Pipe, is good for the environment, good for the consumer and helps us achieve our provincial energy efficiency priorities."

- John Milloy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kitchener Centre and Government House Leader

"The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing was instrumental in making this happen. They worked diligently with the DWHR industry and ultimately put Ontario on the map as a forward-thinking jurisdiction and the first in North America to provide direct building energy compliance credits in its Building Code. This is instrumental in setting the foundation for additional Provincial, State and International Building Code energy credits. This is a win-win-win: Home builders now have more cost-competitive building component choices, new home buyers will have greater affordability, and there will be increased acceptance of Drain Water Heat Recovery technology across North America."

- Gerald Van Decker, CEO & President of RenewABILITY Energy Inc – Drain Water Heat Recovery Industry Leader

“It was over six years ago in 2007 that Empire Communities recognized the tremendous value to homeowners that Energy Star can bring to their yearly home maintenance bills," says Paul Golini, Executive Vice President of Empire Communities. "Empire is proud to have been the first builder in Ontario to make the Energy Star requirements a standard in every home that we built. When the Drain Water Heat Recovery System was released, we at Empire incorporated this as a building standard as soon as it became available. Thanks to the Energy Star program, and the benefits that were seen through the incorporation of the Drain Water Heat Recovery Pipe, this feature has now become a standard within the new home building industry across Ontario.”

- Paul Golini, Executive Vice President, Empire Communities

#### QUICK FACTS

- Water heating is the second largest energy load in most North American homes, apartment buildings and hotels.
- Drain Water Heat Recovery is a proven, practical energy-saving technology, which typically reduces water heating energy consumption by 20% to 35% and total building energy usage by up to 10%.
- Ontario is the market leader in manufacturing and supplying Drain Water Heat Recovery technology throughout the world with tens of thousands of systems manufactured and installed to date and growing substantially every year.

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