

Media Release

2017; A Rewarding Year for Tomlinson Environmental Services & its Biosolids & Organics Management Division, Lystek International

Attention: Environmental, agricultural, municipal, recycling & waste management reporters/editors

February 1, 2018 – Ottawa, ON – For Immediate Release | Reflecting back, 2017 was a rewarding year for the Ottawa-based, Tomlinson Group of Companies (Tomlinson) and its Environmental Services Division with several, prestigious Canadian and American awards going to one of its group companies, Lystek International, (Lystek), a market-leading, biosolids and organics recovery and recycling firm.

On June 22, the **6th Annual Water's Next Award** ceremonies were held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, in Toronto. As part of the proceedings, Cambridge-based Lystek was presented with two, national **Water's Next Awards** – the first in the **Project/Technology – Wastewater** category and the second for overall **Company of the Year**. The awards were presented to the company in recognition of their market-leading technical solutions, customer satisfaction and numerous achievements in the sustainable management of biosolids and organics.

The Water's Next Award program is the only national awards program to honor leadership across the entire water sector—including public servants, non-governmental groups, researchers, municipalities, and technology providers. Its purpose is to recognize individuals and companies that successfully work to change the way we treat, and protect, our valuable water resources. Since 2010, Water Canada has hosted the awards to help strengthen and celebrate the thriving, national community and to showcase Canada's water leaders, champions, and innovators.

"Lystek's innovative technology transforms by-products from wastewater treatment into higher use products, including energy, turning a problem into a resource," said Katherine Balpataky, Editor of Water Canada and Program Chair of the Water's Next Awards. "Lystek is a leader in the journey towards a circular economy, and we are proud to honor their accomplishments in exemplary customer service through our awards program," she added.

Adding to the excitement, on January 17, 2018, the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) presented Lystek with a **(2017) Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award (GEELA)** at a special award ceremony held at EPA's headquarters in Sacramento, California. This award was presented to the company in recognition of their market-leading technical solutions, customer satisfaction and numerous achievements in the sustainable management of biosolids and organics. Located at the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District (FSSD) in California, the Lystek Fairfield Organic Material Recovery Center facility (Lystek OMRC-FSSD) was selected as a leading example in the GEELA category of **Sustainable Practices, Communities or Facilities**.

The GEELA is California's highest environmental honor. It is given to individuals, organizations, and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made notable, voluntary contributions in conserving California's precious resources, protecting and enhancing the environment, building public-private partnerships and strengthening the state's economy.

"This year's GEELA recipients demonstrated exceptional leadership in addressing some of our most significant environmental challenges," said California Secretary for Environmental Protection Matthew Rodriquez. "Whether fighting climate change, conserving water supplies or reducing waste, they inspire us with their creative and collaborative approaches. Their success expands our view of what is possible. Collectively, they are proving that a healthy environment is inextricably linked with a vibrant economy."

“On behalf of our entire team at Lystek and the Tomlinson Group of Companies, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to both Water’s Next and GEELA organizers for recognizing us with these prestigious awards,” said Kevin Cinq-Mars, President of Tomlinson. “We are honored to be recognized alongside all of the finalists in all of the major categories we were selected, all who are doing amazing work to advance the responsible use of water and wastewater, not only here in North America, but around the world.”



“As global populations continue to rise, we are compelled to better understand the fragility and limits of our natural resources. Water is a prime example of this, as are mined phosphates,” said Kurt Meyer, President of Lystek. “This, in turn, leads to an increased level of awareness and interest in how we can leverage advanced science and technology to unlock the inherent value in organic “waste”. He added, “This has led to a bright future for Lystek as we continue to expand and provide communities with practical and proven solutions for real-world problems.”

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About Tomlinson Group of Companies

Ralph Tomlinson founded R.W. Tomlinson Cartage in 1952 with one single-axle dump truck. Now celebrating 65 years, the company is now Eastern Canada’s leader in environmental and transportation infrastructure services. Providing a comprehensive range of products and services in quarrying, construction, trucking and environmental industries, Tomlinson continuously strives to deliver the highest standard of quality and value to its customers, partners and employees. Investment in its communities, people, processes, resources and equipment has earned Tomlinson a reputation for excellence, integrity, innovation and teamwork. For more information, please visit www.tomlinsongroup.com.

About Lystek International

Lystek International Inc. is a leading provider of Thermal Hydrolysis solutions for the sustainable management of biosolids and organics. The multi-use, award-winning Lystek system reduces costs, volumes and GHG’s by converting municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities into resource recovery centers. This is achieved by transforming organic waste streams into value-added products and services, such as the patented LysteMize® process for optimizing digester performance, reducing volumes and increasing biogas production; LysteGro®, a high-value, nutrient-rich biofertilizer and LysteCarb®, an alternative source of carbon for BNR systems. For more information, please visit www.lystek.com.

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