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## Centennial Windows wins ENERGY STAR® award from Natural Resources Canada for its products and long-standing commitment to energy efficiency

LONDON, ON, June 6/CNW/ - Canada's Office of Energy Efficiency within Natural Resources Canada presented its highest award of ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence to Centennial Windows Ltd. in a ceremony held Wednesday evening in Ottawa. This award recognizes the company's products and its long-standing commitment to energy efficiency. This commitment addresses the challenges of climate change, most notably, reducing energy waste and the demand for household heating and air conditioning, which in turn results in reductions in smog pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.

The award category of Sustained Excellence was introduced in 2003 to pay special tribute to organizations that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to energy conservation, and that are using the ENERGY STAR symbol to support their work: previous award winners include Whirlpool Canada Inc. and B.C. Hydro.

"Centennial Windows was the first window company in Canada to promote and sell ENERGY STAR qualified windows. It achieves consistently high ratings in ENERGY STAR certification tests, and has helped create strong demand for energy-efficient replacement windows in its market area," said Carol Buckley, Director General, Office of Energy Efficiency (OEE). "Centennial Windows takes advantage of every opportunity to display the ENERGY STAR symbol on its product and marketing materials, and regularly offers customer rebates and other incentives for installing ENERGY STAR qualified windows. After winning two previous ENERGY STAR Recognition Awards - as Manufacturer of the Year in 2004 and Retailer of the Year in 2005 - it's now time to acknowledge Centennial Windows as a true energy efficiency and ENERGY STAR leader."

"There is clearly a strong connection between good management, innovation and environmental performance. This company has made the connection," said Dr. Ray Côté, Professor and Director of the Eco-Efficiency Centre, Dalhousie University, and a member of the Research Network for Business Sustainability, which is based at the University of Western Ontario's Richard Ivey School of Business. "That is why they can take advantage of the consumer's interest in energy efficient products."

"Receiving this award from the OEE supports our window's benefits to our customers and to the environment," said George Warren, President of Centennial Windows. "We believe that addressing climate change is not just under the domain of international governments and industry, but rather it begins by lessening demand at home. Faulty windows in a home can contribute up to 25% of total heat loss, which is one of the largest causes of energy waste in a home. Our windows can significantly improve energy efficiency."

Centennial Windows Ltd. is Ontario's leading provider of energy efficient windows that all carry the ENERGY STAR symbol. Centennial Windows is a privately held company located in London, Ontario and has 176 employees. With showrooms in 10 regional communities, Centennial Windows celebrates its 27<sup>th</sup> year in business in 2008.

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