Alberta Recognizes First SCC-Accredited Gas-Fired Appliance and Equipment Inspection Body

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OTTAWA, June 3, 2013 /CNW/ - For the first time, the Government of Alberta has formally recognized the first Standards Council of Canada (SCC)-accredited gas-fired appliance and equipment inspection body, ENEFEN Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd (ENEFEN).

"The Safety Services branch of Alberta Municipal Affairs welcomes ENEFEN as the first accredited inspection body in Canada," says Sidney Manning, Chief Plumbing & Gas Administrator, Municipal Affairs/Safety Services at the Government of Alberta. "The industrial sector in Alberta will reap the benefit from this critical introduction of a gas specific inspection body that will be able to inspect one-of-a-kind and site-specific installations in support of the Gas Code Regulation under the Safety Codes Act."

ENEFEN recently became the first accredited inspection body under SCC Inspection Body Accreditation Program (IBAP) for commercial and industrial gas-fuelled equipment.

"We are pleased to congratulate ENEFEN on their notable achievement," says Chantal Guay, Vice-President, Accreditation Services at SCC. "This accreditation provides an added assurance to Canadians, especially to those living close to facilities operating these commercial gas appliances, that the equipment certified by ENEFEN meets Canadian code requirements and is safe to operate."

SCC's inspection body accreditation is the process of assessing and publicly recognizing the integrity, reliability and technical competence of an organization's inspection services. Inspection services can cover diverse subjects such as the installation of specialty electrical equipment, gas-piping systems or commercial gas equipment. The accreditation of an organization's inspection services by SCC is a means of demonstrating that those services, falling within the scope of their formal accreditation, conform to an accepted set of requirements.

"The accreditation process is challenging. It makes you re-evaluate and standardize your existing internal and external processes," says Jozef Jachniak, ENEFEN's President and Chief Field Inspector. "However, the audit is an opportunity to show your optimized processes to expert auditors. We are grateful to the Standards Council of Canada for guiding us through every step of the way."

ENEFEN's SCC accreditation is in accordance with the provisions of ISO 17020:2012 *Conformity assessment - Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection* and CAN-P-1608 *Additional Requirements for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies*. It accredits ENEFEN's capability to perform inspection evaluations based on Canadian code requirements for safety and suitability of one-of-a-kind and limited-run commercial and industrial gas-fired appliances and equipment. This type of equipment may be designed for installation at a specific site or assembled on site.

SCC is a Crown corporation within the Industry Canada portfolio. With the goal of enhancing Canada's economic

competitiveness and social well-being, SCC leads and facilitates the development and use of national and international standards. SCC coordinates the efforts of Canadians in the development and use of national and international standards. SCC provides accreditation services to approximately 500 customers, including various product certifiers and testing laboratories. SCC represents Canada at the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and oversees the Canadian national committee to the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

For more information on SCC, visit www.scc.ca, or send inquiries to info@scc.ca.

For more information on ENEFEN Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd., visit www.enefen.com.

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