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### B.C. RELEASES SECOND GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY REPORT

VICTORIA – Minister of Environment Barry Penner and Minister of State for Climate Action John Yap released B.C.'s second annual Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report today – an important tool in measuring the province's progress toward reducing greenhouse gases emissions.

“B.C. is working hard to develop a strong green economy and is now recognized around the world as a leader in strategies to combat greenhouse gas emissions,” said Penner. “This inventory is a tool for looking at where we are doing well and identifying where we need to improve.”

Under the Greenhouse Gas Reductions Target Act, the provincial government made a legally binding commitment to reduce GHG emissions by at least 33 per cent by 2020 and 80 per cent by 2050 below the 2007 level. Total GHG emissions in British Columbia in 2008 were 68.7 megatonnes, an increase of one per cent over 2007.

“The report provides accurate and consistent information that the academic, non-government and government communities can use to analyze greenhouse gas emission trends and reduction opportunities in B.C.,” said Yap. “We’re seeing encouraging signs in several sectors, and we expect to see emissions decrease in coming years as the policies we’ve implemented take hold in the transition to a low-carbon economy.”

The Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report groups emissions into six sectors: energy (including three sub-sectors), industrial processes, solvent and other product use, agriculture, waste, and afforestation and deforestation. The report highlights many trends and provides analysis on underlying emission drivers for different sectors in various graphic and tabular layouts.

On a per capita basis, B.C. is one of the lowest GHG emitters in North America. Within Canada, B.C. currently ranks fourth-lowest after Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Ontario. In 2008, B.C. emitted 15.7 tonnes per capita, which is seven per cent lower than the 16.9 tonnes per capita in 1990.

The reporting standards used in the provincial inventory are set out in protocols established by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. These protocols are used by Environment Canada to develop the National Inventory Report, which British Columbia uses as the basis to develop the Provincial GHG Inventory.

The full report, as well as additional information, is available at the ministry's GHG Inventory homepage: [www.env.gov.bc.ca/cas/mitigation/ghg\\_inventory/index.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cas/mitigation/ghg_inventory/index.html).

To view the Climate Action Progress report, visit: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cas/cap.html>

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