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Canada's Government recognizes D-Pace as a Canadian Innovation Leader

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September 16, 2009, Nelson, B.C. – Mr. Colin Mayes, Member of Parliament for Okanagan-Shuswap, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology), today recognized Dehnel - Particle Accelerator Components and Engineering, Inc. (D-Pace) as a Canadian Innovation Leader for researching, developing, supplying and commercializing products and services for the international commercial accelerator industry, linking scientific research to commercialization, jobs, and economic growth.

"Our government is investing more in science and technology because this is how to create jobs, strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life of Canadians," said Mr. Mayes. "Canada's Economic Action Plan provides more than \$5.1 billion toward science and technology initiatives. This represents one of the single-largest federal budget investments in S&T to date, contributing to the creation of a stronger, more innovative economy and a more prosperous Canada."

A Canadian Innovation Leader is a small- or medium-sized enterprise (SME) that demonstrates specific advances in research and development within its industrial sector. The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) created the Canadian Innovation Leader Certificate Program to recognize Canadian firms that have successfully developed and applied innovative technologies.

D-Pace creates high-performance charged particle transport systems and components for the cyclotron, ion implanter, and linear accelerator segments of the industry.

"Investing in science and technology is critical for developing highly skilled people and improving the long-term competitiveness of Canadian firms," said NRC President Dr. Pierre Coulombe. "That's why the NRC Industrial Research Assistance program (NRC-IRAP) is helping innovative Canadian businesses such as D-Pace grow stronger, faster and bigger."

D-Pace along with TRIUMF — Canada's leading centre for work in particle and nuclear physics — recently earned a Synergy Award from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC). Much of this collaborative work was made possible by NRC-IRAP financial contributions.



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"NRC-IRAP is playing an important role in our success" said Dr. Morgan Dehnel, President of D-Pace. "The financial support we receive from NRC-IRAP, together with our strategic partnerships, are helping our company design, develop, and manufacture innovative and cutting-edge products and services for the commercial accelerator industry worldwide."

About NRC and NRC-IRAP

The NRC Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) provides a range of both technical and business-oriented advisory services along with necessary financial support to qualified innovative Canadian small- and medium-sized enterprises.

The program is delivered by a field staff of 240 professionals in more than 100 communities across Canada. NRC-IRAP is committed to working with small and medium-sized enterprises while they realize their full potential, turning knowledge and innovation into strategic opportunities, jobs and prosperity for all Canadians.

The Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan has provided new resources of \$200 million over the next two years to bolster NRC-IRAP support for innovative Canadian firms. To learn more about Canada's Economic Action Plan, visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.

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