

Press Release

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Travis Engen (Alcan) and Jeremy Leggett (solarcentury) win this year's SAM/SPG Sustainability Leadership Award

This is now the sixth year of the SAM/SPG Sustainability Leadership Award, which acknowledges personal excellence in implementing the principles of sustainability in the corporate sector and is worth CHF 50,000 in total. An international jury of sustainability experts has given this year's Leader Award to Travis Engen for his many years as successful CEO of the Canadian Aluminum producer, Alcan. The Pioneer Award goes to Jeremy Leggett, founder of solarcentury, a leading British company in the field of solar electric solutions.

Leader Award:

This year's award goes to **Travis Engen**, retired President & CEO of Alcan Inc (Alcan). Alcan employs around 65,000 people in 60 countries worldwide. During his tenure from 2001 to 2006, Alcan's revenues grew from USD 9 billion to USD 20.3 billion and it became the world's second largest producer of primary aluminum. At the same time he managed to guide Alcan to become a leader among companies dedicated to the principles of sustainable development. Alcan was selected as a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index for the fourth time in five years and named leader in its sector. Alcan's commitment to sustainability is translating into concrete actions throughout the company. The sharp reduction in Alcan's greenhouse gas emissions and the comprehensive guidelines for suppliers in the realm of environmental and social standards are just two positive examples of Alcan's ongoing commitment to sustainability. The Canadian company has joined the United Nations Global Compact, a voluntary international initiative for businesses promoting the development of a more sustainable global economy. Other milestones in the field of sustainability include Alcan co-chairing the Working Group on Accountability & Reporting at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, as well as the World Economic Forum's Water Initiative.

Even after retiring from Alcan in March 2006, Travis Engen remains dedicated to the goal of sustainability as he serves as Chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and Chairman of the Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum.

Pioneer Award

Jeremy Leggett received the Pioneer Award for his contribution over many years to advancing solar power. In 1997 he founded solarcentury, originally a non-profit organisation for solar-energy advocacy. Today, solarcentury is the UK's largest independent solar electric solutions company with about 60 employees. Jeremy Leggett's company is viewed as one of the most innovative companies in the international solar photovoltaic (PV) industry. Having positioned themselves as independent from manufacturers, they have installed a greater variety of PV systems than other companies of their kind. Their new solar roof tile is a combined PV cell and solar thermal system. Visually, this tile is virtually indistinguishable from normal grey roof tiles. A roof fitted with these innovative tiles is able to generate both heat and electricity. solarcentury is the first provider in the world to offer this clever product combination. solarcentury is making a vital contribution to sustainability, because in the UK more than 50% of greenhouse gas emissions come directly and indirectly from buildings.

As CEO and Chairman of solarcentury, Jeremy Leggett has done a lot to bring alternative energy into the mainstream. BP Solar has now become solarcentury's biggest competitor. While solar

energy remains too expensive for the mass market, major corporations such as BP are stepping up their activities and are now starting to target end consumers directly as well.

Selection Criteria

The SAM/SPG Sustainability Leadership Award, which was presented today at the International Sustainability Leadership Symposium has a prize worth CHF 50,000. It is an annual award sponsored by the independent asset manager SAM Group and Sustainable Performance Group (SPG), an investment company quoted on the SWX Swiss Exchange. The award goes to personalities that excel through their exceptional and proactive approach towards sustainability and their entrepreneurial success.

The candidates nominated for this year's award were selected on the basis of the following criteria:

Leader Award:

- Member of the board of directors or the executive board, preferably a Chairman or a CEO, of a multinational company that is an important and well-reputed player within the industry
- Credible commitment and recognized personal leadership regarding his/her contribution to the development, implementation and promotion of sustainability principles in his/her company and beyond
- Documented achievements in making sustainability work in his/her company and beyond

Pioneer Award:

- Initial outstanding individual working within or in close cooperation with the private sector
- Innovativeness of achieved projects, solutions, products or institutions contributing to the promotion and integration of sustainability principles in business
- Initial and traceable results in making sustainability work in business practice (sustainability business case)
- Amplification and dissemination potential of the innovation (internal and external)

Previous Winners

- 2005: Lars Rebién Sørensen, Chairman & CEO, Novo Nordisk
Bob Welsh, CEO, VicSuper
- 2004: Antony Burgmans, Chairman, Unilever N.V.
Robin Cornelius, CEO, Switcher SA
- 2003: Tessa Tennant, Founder of the Association for Sustainable and Responsible Investment in Asia (ASRIA)
- 2002: Michael Otto, Chairman, Otto
José Maria Figueres Olsen, former President of Costa Rica
- 2001: Ray C. Anderson, CEO, Interface Inc.

The Jury 2006

- Ray Anderson, Founder, Interface Inc. (and first winner of the Award)
- Ernst A. Brügger, Chairman, Sustainable Performance Group
- Christian Kornevall, Director, Advocacy & Communication, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Jonathan Lash, President, World Resource Institute
- Claude Martin, former Director General, WWF international
- Reto Ringger, CEO, SAM Group
- Tessa Tennant, Founder of the Association for Sustainable and Responsible Investment in Asia (ASRIA)

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Sustainable Performance Group (SPG) (www.sustainable.ch) is an investment company focused on sustainability investments. It was founded in Zurich in 1997. The prime objective of Sustainable Performance Group (SPG) is to generate above-average shareholder value over the long term. SPG invests in small and mid-sized companies whose innovative products and services give them a competitive advantage. The focus here is on sustainability themes, such as energy, water, healthy living and resource efficiency.
