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## **HIEA Member Companies report continued Environmental Improvement in 2007**

**Hamilton, Ontario:** The Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association (HIEA) today released its 2007 Environmental Survey, reporting continued improvement in the combined environmental performance of HIEA's 15 member companies.

"Since 1997, industrial companies in Hamilton have demonstrated significant and continuous improvement in the area of environmental protection. In 2007, HIEA's collective environmental performance continued this positive trend." said Jim Stirling, Board Chair of the Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association. "This year's statistics clearly illustrate the continued success that HIEA member companies are achieving to improve the environment in the Hamilton community. "

HIEA conducts an annual environmental survey each year, aggregating member company performance in such important environmental areas as air emissions, water discharges, recycling and waste management, and environmental spending and stewardship.

HIEA's 2007 environmental survey reported that member companies have collectively invested more than \$425 million on environmental capital and operating initiatives in the last 5 years, including between \$6 million and \$37 million on environmental capital projects each year. Through financial sponsorships and the volunteer efforts of member companies, HIEA has contributed more than \$750,000 to local environmental initiatives.

Commenting on the importance of reporting publicly to the local Hamilton community, Stirling added "Hamilton residents are entitled to know the combined environmental performance of their industrial neighbors. This annual Environmental Survey continues that strong history of transparent and open communications."

Pat Thiessen, a Hamilton resident and Co-Chair of HIEA's Community Advisory Panel said, "We meet regularly with company representatives to learn about specific environmental initiatives. It's helpful and gratifying to see that those initiatives are continuing to result in tangible improvements to the environment in Hamilton."

The Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association (HIEA) is a non-profit association of local private sector industries. HIEA's mandate is: "to improve the local environment - air, land and water - through joint and individual activities, and by partnering with the community to enhance future understanding of environmental issues and help establish priorities for action."