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B.C. ISSUES PROGRESS REPORT ON CARBON NEUTRAL ACTIONS

VICTORIA – Minister of State for Climate Action John Yap released the Carbon Neutral Action Report today, showing British Columbia’s continued move towards becoming North America’s first carbon neutral government.

The Carbon Neutral Action Report details what actions the provincial government is taking and the plans it has in place to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across the public service. The report covers all public service organizations, including core government, Crown corporations, boards of education, universities, colleges and health authorities.

Under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act, government has made a legally binding commitment to become carbon neutral by 2010. Carbon neutrality will mean a more cost-efficient public service through reductions in energy use, travel and consumption, and will leave a legacy of support for clean technologies that position British Columbia as a leader in the new low-carbon economy.

The release of the report also meets government’s commitment to publically disclose its progress towards achieving carbon neutrality. It outlines how the government is measuring, reducing and offsetting GHG emissions. The report includes GHG emissions associated with core government business travel for Oct. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2008, and the offsets purchased from the Pacific Carbon Trust to achieve carbon neutral business travel.

The trust was established in March 2008 to deliver quality B.C.-based greenhouse gas offsets to help public sector organizations meet their carbon neutral commitment and to support growth of the offset industry in B.C.

To view the Carbon Neutral Action Report, visit www.LiveSmartBC.ca.

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