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Government of Canada supports development of water treatment technology
Saskatoon-based Delco Automation Inc. recognized as a Canadian Innovation Leader

For immediate release

September 29, 2010, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan — Canadian communities affected by water treatment issues may soon find solutions, thanks to an investment by the Government of Canada to Delco Automation Inc., a Saskatoon business.

Delco Automation Inc. will receive \$549,625 from the National Research Council of Canada's Industrial Research Assistance Program to successfully develop energy and cost efficient solutions for water treatment issues affecting small Canadian communities.

“Our government is investing in science and technology to create good jobs, strengthen the economy and improve Canadians’ quality of life,” said Maurice Vallacott, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon–Wanuskewin, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology). “This investment will help advance water treatment technology and bring potable water to Canadian homes.”

A Canadian Innovation Leader Certificate was presented to Delco Automation Inc. to highlight its success as an innovative Canadian firm that has successfully linked scientific research to commercialization, jobs and economic growth. The presentation was made during an event entitled *Water: Everybody's Business*, hosted by the Saskatchewan Federal Council in Saskatoon.

“NRC-IRAP has provided us both access to research and development expertise within the Center for Sustainable Infrastructure Research (CSIR) team, and the capital to realize our ideas and transform them into commercially viable products” said Brian Rindall, President and CEO of Delco Automation Inc. “We would not have been as successful as we are today without the strong commitment from our IRAP Industrial Technology Advisor, CSIR, and governmental programs such as the Industrial Research Assistance Program”

Delco Automation Inc. is a technology driven company providing innovative solutions to a multitude of industries. It has been serving industrial and municipal clients, including the water treatment sector in Western Canada since 1994. The company has gained knowledge in the water treatment industry through the success of more than 300 completed water and wastewater treatment projects.

About National Research Council of Canada and its Industrial Research Assistance Program

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

The program is delivered by a field staff of 240 professionals in more than 100 communities across Canada. The National Research Council of Canada 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.

Canada's Economic Action Plan provided new resources of \$200 million to the National Research Council Canada's Industrial Research Assistance Program over two years to support innovative Canadian firms. To learn more, visit [Canada's Economic Action Plan website](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca) (www.actionplan.gc.ca).

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