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**QUESTAIR TECHNOLOGIES INC. AWARDED GOVERNMENT FUNDING  
FOR HYDROGEN DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

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BURNABY, BC – QuestAir Technologies Inc. announced today that it will receive \$720,000 in partnership funding from the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia under the Western Economic Partnership Agreement (WEPA), to support the research and development of QuestAir’s hydrogen purification technology.

“Our hydrogen purification technology provides pure hydrogen more efficiently and at a lower cost,” said Jonathan Wilkinson, QuestAir’s President and CEO. “This improves the performance and durability of fuel cells, making them more economical and environmentally friendly”.

“Our advancements in hydrogen purification will help get fuel cells and related products such as fuel cell powered cars from the development stage to consumer markets sooner, and bring the world one-step closer to a more sustainable energy future,” Wilkinson said.

The project will demonstrate the use of QuestAir’s proprietary Pressure Swing Adsorption (“PSA”) technology for recovering and recycling hydrogen from waste gas streams, such as those produced by refineries. The integration of QuestAir’s hydrogen purification technology with a small-scale natural gas reforming system for use in on-site hydrogen generation and stationary fuel cells will also be demonstrated. The project will be administered by Fuel Cells Canada through its Fuel Cell Demonstration Projects program, and will be located at the National Research Council’s Fuel Cell Technology Laboratory in Vancouver, British Columbia.

“The Government of Canada’s support for this project demonstrates our commitment to Canada’s Innovation Strategy, using clean and viable energy,” said Stephen Owen, Secretary of State (Western Economic Diversification) (Indian Affairs and Northern Development). “In Western Canada, the hydrogen and fuel cell sector has the potential to make significant contributions to economic growth and diversification.”

“Fuel Cell technology is moving closer to full-scale commercial viability,” said Burnaby-Edmonds MLA Patty Sahota. “The province of British Columbia is committed to encouraging new innovation and the development of new technologies that will support new knowledge-based growth industry and new jobs in British Columbia.”

“We are extremely excited about this project and its implications for fuel cell development,” said Dr. Ron Britton, President and CEO, Fuel Cells Canada. “QuestAir is a leading developer of hydrogen purification technologies. This project is a perfect example of industry and government partnering to advance Canada’s world-leading fuel cell and hydrogen industry”.

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#### About QuestAir Technologies Inc.

QuestAir Technologies, Inc. has developed proprietary gas purification technology that is being applied to several large existing and emerging world markets, including industrial hydrogen production and stationary and automotive fuel cells. QuestAir’s proprietary fast-cycle pressure swing adsorption (PSA) technology allows the developers of fuel cell systems to increase the efficiency of their products, and offers a compact, cost effective gas purification solution to QuestAir’s industrial customers and developers of hydrogen refueling infrastructure. QuestAir is a private company based in Burnaby, British Columbia whose shareholders and strategic partners include Shell Hydrogen, Ballard Power Systems and the BOC Group.

#### About Fuel Cells Canada

Fuel Cells Canada is a non-profit, national industry association. We are the prime source of services and support to Canadian corporations, educational institutions and business alliances promoting, developing, demonstrating, and deploying fuel cell and related products and services in Canada. Fuel Cells Canada is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia at the National Research Council Institute for Fuel Cell Innovation. Membership is open to all Canadian stakeholders. The QuestAir hydrogen purification project will be located at the National Research Council Fuel Cell Technology Laboratory, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

#### About Western Economic Partnership Agreement:

The Canada/British Columbia Western Economic Partnership Agreement is a joint, multi-million-dollar agreement to encourage economic development in British Columbia. The federal department of Western Economic Diversification Canada and the provincial Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise are the lead agencies for the partnership agreement.

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