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## GreenCentre Canada Selects Top 5 Startups to Fight Climate Change

**KINGSTON, ON (November 22, 2016)** – GreenCentre Canada recently held its first IHC<sub>4</sub> Competition, awarding the five most promising startup companies with the opportunity to further develop their greenhouse-gas-reducing technologies.



Congratulations to the IHC<sub>4</sub> Competition winners!



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GreenCentre Canada created the InnovationHouse Chemistry Countering Climate Change (IHC<sub>4</sub>) Competition to help small-to-medium enterprises advance their technologies which have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The competition culminated in an exciting day of back-to-back presentations from the nine finalists to a panel of experts, who then assessed and ranked each technology, potential project, and business case. The winning companies from the IHC<sub>4</sub> Competition are, in alphabetical order: Alchemy, Anomera, CHAR Technologies, Forward Water Technologies, and Qwatro.

Honourable mention goes to the other finalists, in alphabetical order: Composite Transit Technologies Canada, Halion Displays, KaNaCell, and Springpower International. All nine finalists were competing for the opportunity to access GreenCentre's services and expertise to complete a development project, at no cost to the client. The excitement from the IHC<sub>4</sub> Competition day can be seen through a video which is publicly available on GreenCentre's [YouTube channel](#).

"The team at GreenCentre Canada is committed to advancing materials and chemistry-based technologies that support cleantech innovation and create sustainable jobs" said Pete Pigott, Executive Director. "The IHC<sub>4</sub> Competition is one way we're working directly with great innovators to help combat climate change."

This initiative provides GreenCentre with yet another avenue to continue supporting innovators and entrepreneurs looking to develop, de-risk, and scale up chemistry and materials-based innovations that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and counter climate change.

GreenCentre has also launched the IHC<sub>4</sub> Call for Academic Inventions, a separate competition to grant funds of up to \$50,000 to academic researchers to help develop early-stage technologies that show potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. More information on the IHC<sub>4</sub> Call for Academic Inventions is available through GreenCentre's [InnovationHouse](#) portal, along with the application form and eligibility requirements.

### **About GreenCentre**

GreenCentre provides an extensive and practical range of laboratory, commercial, and intellectual property services to support the development of chemistry-driven activities in Canada. Specifically, GreenCentre offers sector-focused chemistry technology development, intellectual property assessment, business development, and commercial services.

We serve the research needs of academics, entrepreneurs, and established companies by adding value across the entire development chain, through our two facilities in Kingston and Mississauga, Ontario. Our Chemistry Innovation Centre in Kingston focuses on discovery chemistry and application testing, and our Scale-up and Pilot Facility in Mississauga—established in partnership with the Xerox Research Centre of Canada—focuses on scale-up and optimization, and pilot-scale production.

GreenCentre's head office is located at Innovation Park at Queen's University in Kingston. Visit [www.greencentrecanada.com](http://www.greencentrecanada.com) for more information.

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