



Boralex Announces its 2009 Results

Montréal, Québec, February 25, 2010 – Boralex Inc. (“Boralex” or the “Corporation”) ended fiscal 2009 with a solid performance despite a difficult economic context.

(in millions of dollars, except per share data)

	Three-month periods ended		Twelve-month periods ended	
	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Revenues from energy sales	46.1	54.3	184.8	197.2
EBITDA	12.0	15.6	57.3	68.8
Net earnings	14.7	4.4	24.4	20.4
per share (basic and diluted)	\$0.39	\$0.12	\$0.65	\$0.54
Cash flows from operations	11.3	11.1	47.4	55.2

Boralex ended **fiscal 2009** with total revenues from energy sales of \$184.8 million, down 6.3% compared to \$197.2 million in 2008. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) amounted to \$57.3 million versus \$68.8 million a year earlier. The decrease in operating results is largely due to lower electricity prices for power generated by the hydroelectric and thermal power stations in the United States, lower REC sales, and the performance of the Boralex Power Income Fund (“Fund”) and the problems experienced at its Dolbeau power station. In that regard, the Fund depreciated Dolbeau’s tangible assets by close to 50%, which had a \$5.6 million impact on Boralex’s EBITDA. Furthermore, following the 16% interest in the Corporation’s European assets acquired by the strategic partner, Cube Infrastructure Fund (“Cube”), in the fourth quarter of 2009, Boralex registered a gain on dilution of \$13.9 million. This operation demonstrates the Corporation’s ability to create value for its shareholders and the very high quality of the European assets. The Corporation ended fiscal 2009 with net earnings of \$24.4 million or \$0.65 per share (basic and diluted), up \$4.0 million over 2008.

Revenues in the **wind power segment** increased 11.1% over 2008 to \$33.9 million in 2009. EBITDA also rose 11.7%, to \$26.8 million in 2009. These increases are mainly related to the startup of the first two wind farms in Phase I at Thames River in Ontario, to the increased production at existing sites due to more favourable wind conditions, and also to the higher availability rates of the turbines.

The **hydroelectric** power stations reported revenues of \$10.3 million and EBITDA of \$5.5 million, down \$1.5 million and \$2.4 million respectively compared to fiscal 2008. These results stem from lower electricity prices (in \$US) on the open electricity market in New York State, resulting from the economic slowdown and lower natural gas prices. However, the contribution of the new Ocean Falls power station in British Columbia partially offset the impact of the lower prices.

The **wood-residue segment** recorded revenues of \$123.4 million, down 9.2% from revenues in 2008. This decrease stemmed in part from lower REC sales and lower electricity prices. However, these items had only a slight impact on EBITDA, which amounted to \$40.0 million versus \$40.5 million in 2008. This segment also benefited in 2009 from a number of positive factors, including lower fuel supply and maintenance

costs, as well as the drop in the value of the Canadian dollar, primarily in the first three quarters.

The profitability of the **natural gas** plant was comparable to that of 2008 with EBITDA of \$2.2 million in 2009 versus \$2.3 million in 2008. Revenues were down \$1.9 million to \$17.2 million in 2009. The significant drop in the price of natural gas, which had a domino effect on electricity and steam prices, was offset by lower fuel supply costs.

In the **fourth quarter 2009**, revenues generated by energy sales totalled \$46.1 million, down \$8.2 million from the same period in 2008. EBITDA amounts to \$12.0 million, or \$17.6 million excluding the impairment of the Fund's tangible assets. Excluding this specific item, EBITDA rose 12.8% over the same quarter in 2008. The increase stems from higher power generation in the wind power segment and the contribution of the Ocean Falls power station, but was partially offset by lower electricity prices and lower REC sales. The recognition of a gain on dilution of \$13.9 million, a result of the participation of the strategic partner in Europe, led to net earnings in the fourth quarter of \$14.7 million (\$0.39 per share) compared to \$4.4 million (\$0.12 per share) for the same quarter in 2008.

Patrick Lemaire, President and Chief Executive Officer of Boralex Inc. noted that "in 2009 we maintained significant cash flows, even during the recession. Our Corporation met its goals of ensuring prudent management of its investments and capital structure in the economic context that has prevailed since the Fall of 2008. We ended fiscal 2009 with a number of acquisitions that represent more than 75 MW and we hope, for 2010, to continue our efforts to find new business opportunities, obtain financing and develop quality projects."

About Boralex

Boralex is a major independent power producer whose core business is the development and operation of power stations that generate renewable energy.

*Employing over 300 people, the Corporation operates 29 power stations with a total installed capacity of 417 megawatts ("MW") in Canada, in the Northeastern United States and in France. In addition, the Corporation has, alone or with its European and Canadian partners, power projects under development that will add close to 300 MW of power, of which almost 100 MW will come online by the end of fiscal 2010. Boralex is distinguished by its diversified expertise and in-depth experience in three power generation segments – **wind, hydroelectric and thermal**.*

Boralex also holds a 23% interest in Boralex Power Income Fund, which has 10 power stations with a total installed capacity of 190 MW in Québec and the United States. These sites are managed by Boralex.

Boralex shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) under the ticker symbol BLX.

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The summarized financial statements included in this press release also contain certain financial measurements that are not recognized as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of Canada (GAAP). To assess the operating performance of its assets and reporting segments, the Corporation uses earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and cash flows from operations as performance measurements. These measures are not defined under GAAP and do not have a standardized definition prescribed by GAAP. Therefore, they may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. EBITDA is defined in the summarized financial statements included with this

press release. Cash flows from operations corresponds to cash flows from operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital items as disclosed in the consolidated statements of cash flows attached in this press release.

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