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Greenwood Technologies Gets Nod at AHR Expo; Industries Continue to Recognize Company for its Sustainable and Efficient Wood-Burning Furnaces

Award is Greenwood's second in a year, capping off 12 months of incredible growth and increased recognition as an industry leader

Bellevue, Wash. – January 29, 2007 – For the second time in a year, Greenwood Technologies is being lauded as an innovator for its smoke-free, highly efficient, wood-fired hydronic furnaces.

The Bellevue, Wash.-based company is among those being recognized by the **2007 AHR Expo Innovation Awards**, which highlight breakthrough new products in a variety of categories. Greenwood Technologies received an honorable mention in the awards' heating category, competing against companies from across the heating sector.

"We're thrilled to receive this recognition from the heating industry," said Michael Kuehner, Greenwood's vice president of marketing. "It affirms that our furnaces are being met with enthusiasm not just by consumers and retailers, but also by our industry peers."

The award caps off a year of phenomenal growth for Greenwood, whose sales increased 850 percent during that time, despite an unusually warm winter. This year's AHR Expo Innovation awards recognize new products in nine categories – building automation, cooling, green building, heating, indoor air quality, refrigeration, software, tools and ventilation. The winners range from humidity sensing fans to a remote environmental surveillance system.

The awards will be presented at the AHR Expo on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 11:30 a.m.

Greenwood's nod follows the company's receipt last year of a **Vesta Award** at the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Expo, where its revolutionary furnaces debuted to a strong reception from dealers and retailers. Greenwood won the award for innovation and design in the renewable fuel central heating systems category.

“Winning the Vesta Award was a milestone for us,” Kuehner said. “It heralded the start of a fantastic year for the company. Receiving this prestigious heating industry award from the AHR Expo completes a break-out year for Greenwood. ”

Feel the Heat, Without the Smoke

Greenwood Technologies’ wood-burning furnaces capture 85 percent of the energy released by wood, making them among the cleanest-burning devices available. By burning at temperatures approaching 2000° F, the furnaces achieve maximum gasification, leaving behind very little particulate matter to create smoke, creosote or ash.

The result is a wood boiler that’s nearly twice as efficient as more common products and consumes only half as much wood.

“Greenwood’s furnaces are not only highly efficient, but also environmentally friendly,” Kuehner said. “They’re an ideal alternative to outdoor wood boilers, which can create a great deal of smoke and pollution. They require very little maintenance and since they’re certified for indoor use, can be installed in a convenient location.”

Greenwood Ahead of the Curve in Move to Reduce Wood Smoke Emissions

The Environmental Protection Agency has been encouraging manufacturers to voluntarily produce wood-burning boilers by this spring that create about 70 percent less particulate matter, according to a story in *The New York Times*. Greenwood is already doing that, thereby demonstrating its commitment to manufacturing products with minimal environmental impact.

A recent round of testing found that the Greenwood hydronic furnace meets the strict emission levels being proposed by the EPA for outdoor wood burners.

Kuehner said, “We welcome this initial move by the EPA to improve air quality and help lower levels of pollution.”

About Greenwood Technologies, LLC

Founded in 2005, Bellevue, Washington-based Greenwood Technologies (www.greenwoodfurnace.com) manufactures the next generation of wood-fired central heating. Its clean burning, wood-fired hydronic furnaces are available through dealers and retailers across the U.S. and Canada.

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