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CABA Member Appointed to International Home Systems Standard Body

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The Continental Automated Buildings Association is pleased to announce that long-time CABA member Ludo Bertsch, P.Eng., President of Horizon Technologies Inc., has been appointed as Canadian chair of the ISO/IEC JTC1 SC25 Advisory Committee. The Standards Council of Canada appointed Bertsch to the role.

The committee specifically focuses on the interconnection of information technology equipment, and its working groups cover home electronic systems, customer premise cabling, and the interconnection of computer systems and attached equipment.

“A key objective of our association is to facilitate and encourage the industry-wide interoperability of protocols and standards,” stated Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. “Ludo Bertsch’s appointment ensures that CABA and its membership will play a major role in the drafting and development of key standards impacting the residential technologies sector.”

CABA monitors a range of standard and protocol groups and activities through its assorted councils and committees. Historically, one of CABA’s main goals has been to promote interoperability among all standards, protocols and technologies.

“Since the number of protocols and standards has proliferated immensely in the past few years, it has become necessary to explore their standardization and interconnection in order to achieve mass-market penetration of their dependent products and services,” stated Bertsch. “By focusing on developing quality standards, industry can reduce and eliminate consumer confusion relating to various technologies and increase their reliability.”

Areas that will receive special attention under Bertsch’s leadership will be advanced energy management and efficiency techniques. “With the emergence of the Smart Grid, customers will be able to better manage their consumption, resulting in savings for both the customer on their bills and with utility companies on their capital costs. The committee will work to standardize the integration of Smart Grid technologies with new and existing home and building automation systems. Focusing on interoperability will allow industry to develop a unified approach to technology and help combat climate change,” said Bertsch.

Bertsch has over 25 years of experience in data communications, automation, controls, integration, energy and the environment. In the past, he was chair of the CABA Standards Committee. Currently, he is a member of BC Hydro's Rates Working Group as well as the Standards Council of Canada Task Force on Smart Grid. Bertsch holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan, where he specialized in electronics, communications and computing.

For more information about how your organization can be involved in international home systems standards development, please contact Ludo Bertsch at 250.592.1488 or ludob@horizontec.com.

About CABA

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at <http://www.caba.org/>.

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