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DOMINION ASH ANNOUNCES COMMERCIALIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY

Fredericton, NB – May 5, 2004 – Dominion Ash CCP Ltd., a provider of complete fly ash solutions to coal-fired power plants, has entered into a License agreement with the Hendrix Holding Company of Columbia SC, for exclusive rights to the Microwave Carbon Burnout process in their region.

Dominion Ash's new technology, Microwave Carbon Burnout (**MCB™**), removes excess amounts of carbon from coal ash, providing a processed product that is highly sought after as a partial replacement of Portland cement powder in Ready Mixed Concrete. In addition to contributing to the strength of the concrete, Coal fly ash prevents potentially undesirable expansion when the alkalis in the Portland cement react destructively with certain types of siliceous aggregates. There is currently a shortage in North America of quality coal fly ash. According to the National Coal Council, coal powers more than 50% of the electricity generated in the US.

James MacLean, President of Dominion Ash, commented, "We are enthusiastic about seeing the first commercial **MCB™** unit go into operation. Acceptance of Pilot-scale test results on the carbon removal technology has paved the way forward to further development of **MCB™** technology. Recycling combustion coal products into concrete with this process results in a net reduction of CO₂, a recognized Green House Gas, and avoids the land filling of this valuable engineering product. The heat generated from this process is recovered for return to the power station, or other adjacent industries. Recovery of previously landfilled material is also possible."

A design team is working on the commercial design for the first commercial **MCB™** unit with a target for start of operation in the second quarter of 2005.

About Dominion Ash

Headquartered in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Dominion Ash provides complete fly ash solutions to coal-fired power plants, specializing in microwave technology. Dominion Ash is currently the largest supplier of quality coal fly ash imported by rail into Eastern Canada for use in ready mixed concrete.

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