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## **FARM-Africa shortlisted for the 2007 Alcan Prize for Sustainability**

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FARM-Africa has been shortlisted for the US\$1-million 2007 Alcan Prize for Sustainability by Alcan and International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF). FARM-Africa was selected as one of 10 shortlisted organizations from entries received from 53 countries around the world

Dr Christie Peacock, CEO of FARM-Africa said, "We are thrilled to be on the shortlist for the 2007 Alcan Prize for Sustainability. Of course, winning the Prize would be a great achievement, however it is an honour to be short-listed and awarded a US\$15,000 Training Grant. This recognition validates the work we do, provides important visibility for our efforts and the Grant allows for capacity building within the organization to achieve continued success."

Alcan Inc., a global leader in aluminum and packaging, created the Alcan Prize for Sustainability in 2004 to recognize outstanding contributions to the goal of economic, environmental, and social sustainability by not-for-profit, non-governmental, and civil society organizations. "On behalf of Alcan, I would like to congratulate FARM-Africa. This is one of the most geographically diverse shortlists since the creation of the Alcan Prize for Sustainability in 2004," said Dick Evans, President and CEO of Alcan Inc. "The diversity in this year's group of finalists also extends to the outstanding work these organizations are doing around the world. They are a fine representation of what the Alcan Prize for Sustainability is all about," he added.

To ensure credibility and objectivity, Alcan engage IBLF to manage the Alcan Prize for Sustainability. Following the closing date for entries, IBLF coordinated Assessment Panels in India, Canada, Russia, United Kingdom and South Africa to review entries and select the shortlist. This process engaged more than 100 sustainability experts to act as Assessors representing business, academia, government, and the NGO community. The Adjudication Panel composed of international experts in sustainability and Chaired by David Runnalls,

President and Chief Executive Officer, International Institute for Sustainable Development, fully endorsed the 10 short-listed organizations and the Assessment process. Alcan does not have a voice in the Assessment or selection of Alcan Prize candidates.

The Adjudication Panel will now conduct an in-depth review of the shortlist and select the winner of the Alcan Prize. This is the first year where all shortlisted organizations will receive Alcan Training Grants. These US\$15,000 Grants, formerly awarded at the judges' discretion, will allow a senior representative of each organization to participate on an appropriate learning opportunity, for example, the Post-graduate certificate in Cross Sector Partnership from the University of Cambridge. The Alcan Prize winner will be announced when the Adjudication Process is complete.

FARM-Africa transforms the lives of poor rural people in Africa. Our work over more than 20 years has proved that with just a little assistance, Africa's farmers can dramatically improve their lives. FARM-Africa works in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa and Southern Sudan. Through grassroots projects we help rural communities to grow more food; keep their livestock healthy and manage their natural resources sustainably. Our three key areas are Community Forest Management; Pastoral Development; and Smallholder Development and Land Reform.

Alcan Inc. (NYSE, TSX: AL) is a leading global materials company, delivering high quality products and services worldwide. With world-class technology and operations in bauxite mining, alumina processing, primary metal smelting, power generation, aluminum fabrication, engineered solutions as well as flexible and specialty packaging today's Alcan is well positioned to meet and exceed its customers' needs. Alcan is represented by 68,000 employees, including its joint-ventures, in 61 countries and regions, and posted revenues of US\$23.6 billion in 2006. The Company has featured on the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index consecutively since 2002. For more information, please visit: [www.alcan.com](http://www.alcan.com).

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