



## **Bishop's University Awarded Carbon Care™ Certification by Enviro-access**

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**Sherbrooke, February 11, 2014** – During a press conference held at the Cleghorn room in the McGreer Building, located on Bishop's University's campus, Manon Laporte, President and CEO of Enviro-access, officially awarded the Carbon Care™ certification to Mr. Michael Goldbloom, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop's University, which thereby became the first higher education institution to meet all of this recognition's requirements.

As part of its Sustainable Development Action Plan, Bishop's University undertook a responsible management approach with regard to its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. As a result, Bishop's University has carried out an inventory of its GHG emissions and implemented several measures to reduce them.

"Bishop's University has been working for several years to reduce its GHG emissions, said Mr. Goldbloom. Our first GHG emissions inventory now enables us to have a clear picture and track our performance throughout the upcoming years. Over ten concrete measures have already been implemented. This certification is a very welcome recognition of our proactive stance and the initiatives we've taken, and encourages us to further evolve in this matter. We are very proud to have been able to meet all requirements. Indeed, this underscores our rigorous process and Bishop's University's will to help fight climate change."

Enviro-access' Carbon Care™ certification is designed to recognize the efforts made by organizations that invest in the responsible management of their GHG emissions. It attests that a given organization has carried out an inventory of its GHG emissions, in compliance with the ISO 14064-1 standard and provided tangible proof of the initiatives it implemented to reduce them.

As an example, here are a few initiatives undertaken by Bishop's University:

- Elaboration of a sustainable development plan and policy with regard to GHG emissions;
- Creation of a Sustainable Development Committee;
- Installation of a geothermal system for heating and air conditioning;
- Implementation of organic waste collection and composting on campus;
- Universal student access to public transportation;
- Use of an electric vehicle by the campus maintenance personnel for transportation purposes.

“This certification underscores Bishop's University's efforts in proactively managing its GHG emissions, said Ms. Laporte. This can only further encourage other academic institutions across Québec and the rest of Canada to follow its positive example.”

For the past 20 years, Enviro-access has assisted public and private organizations in their sustainable development and GHG reduction projects. Its team of specialists is considered to be among the most experienced in Quebec and Canada when it comes to assisting the execution of projects related to GHG emissions reductions. The company also quantifies, validates, and audits GHG emissions.

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