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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**HYDROGEN ENGINE CENTER APPOINTS JAN ROWINSKI TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF HEC CANADA**

**Jan Rowinski Succeeds the Late Dr. Tapan Bose**

**ALGONA, IA, May 20, 2008** -- Hydrogen Engine Center, Inc. (HEC) (OTCBB: HYEG.OB) announced today that it has appointed Jan Rowinski, Managing Partner Bay Stream Ventures Inc., to the Board of Directors of HEC Canada with immediate effect.

Mr. Rowinski, age 55, has successfully led high-tech start-ups and introduced leading-edge technologies in challenging US, Canadian and international environments. Mr. Rowinski is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Bay Stream Ventures, a corporate development and management consulting firm specializing in Business Development, Corporate Strategy, M&A, Financing, and Performance Improvement. He is also a Co-Founder of GPS Latitude, a provider of security solutions and tracking for mobile assets, including advanced cost effective integrated mobile digital video tracking / recording and live wireless transmission solutions. Mr. Rowinski was the Co-Founder and EVP, business development and operations of MicroSlate Inc., a world leader and pioneer in the design and manufacture of patented, rugged mobile / wireless pen tablets, handheld and notebook computers.

He also was the Co-Founder and President / CEO of JYL Logic Inc. a developer and manufacturer of multilingual computers, instrumentation, multiplexers and peripherals. JYL Logic was a key supplier of computer products to the Québec and Canadian Federal Government agencies, schools and OEM's, such as, Phillips and IBM.

Mr. Rowinski served as a Lecturer / Chair in numerous conferences regarding Technology and Mobile / Wireless Computing. He is also a member of the Canadian Security Association (CANASA). Mr. Rowinski holds an MBA degree from McGill University, B.Sc. in Mathematics, and an Electrical Engineering (DEC). Mr. Rowinski currently resides in Montréal, Canada.

Don Vanderbrook, HEC's CEO, stated, "Mr. Rowinski's business and technical expertise provides added depth to HEC's management team. HEC has numerous ongoing projects in Canada, and Mr. Rowinski's extensive business and technical expertise will be invaluable in advancing HEC's business and development objectives in Canada."

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Jan Rowinski said, "I am honored to join the Hydrogen Engine Center's Canadian Board. As a veteran in the technology field, I recognize the tremendous market opportunities for HEC Clean-Tech Engine products and, specifically, for their innovative Electronic Engine Controller and fuel delivery systems that position the company to become a leader in the global transition from polluting fossil fuels to carbonless non-polluting power."

**About Hydrogen Engine Center, Inc.**

Hydrogen Engine Center, Inc. (HEC) designs, manufactures and distributes alternative-fueled internal combustion engines, engine controls and fuel delivery systems and power generation equipment for distributed power, agricultural, industrial, airport ground support, off-road vehicular, business and home applications. All HEC engines and power generation equipment are capable of running on a multitude of fuels, including but not limited to, hydrogen, ammonia, synthetic gas, coal bed methane, gasoline, and ethanol. HEC trades on the Bulletin Board under the symbol "HYEG.OB." Principal offices are located at 2502 E Poplar St., Algona, Iowa 50511. Visit [www.hydrogenenginecenter.com](http://www.hydrogenenginecenter.com) or in the US dial 515-295-3178 for more information.

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