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Ontario engineering student wins big in Minerva Canada – James Ham Safe Design Award

Toronto (April, 2008) – Minerva Canada Safety Management Education Inc. has announced the winner of its 2008 James Ham Safe Design Award Competition. Ontario's university engineering students were challenged to make an original contribution toward integrating safety into engineering design.

Mark Cicero, an engineering undergraduate student from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario took the top Minerva safety award for designing a safety management audit training database system that greatly assisted his summer employer in making their employees more aware and responsive to workplace hazards. The data collected have been used to eliminate recurring safety problems and in so doing, preventing employee injuries. Mark received a plaque and a cheque for \$3,500 from Minerva Canada President and CEO Tony Pasteris and IAPA President and CEO Maureen Shaw.

The award honours James Milton Ham whose Royal Commission Report on Health and Safety led to the creation of Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act in 1979 and to the adoption of the Internal Responsibility System in Ontario workplaces. James Ham trained as an engineer with a secondary field of study in sociology; his writings emphasized 'society and human needs'. He was awarded the Order of Canada in 1980 and died in 1997.

Minerva Canada's James Ham Safe Design Awards:

- Encourage students and engineering faculty members to integrate safety into all designs.
- Produce safer designs of devices, processes and systems.
- Raise awareness of Process Safety Management (PSM) and Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) in the Province of Ontario.

Through the Minerva Awards program, students and faculty members in Ontario engineering schools are being challenged to:

- Suggest ways to improve the existing design of devices, processes or systems.
- Envision new, innovative designs that will eliminate or reduce potential hazards.
- Create tools to help manufacturers and workplaces integrate safety into new or retrofit designs.

The award will be presented Tuesday April 22, 2008 at the Industrial Accident Prevention Association's national Health and Safety Conference and Trade Show in Toronto. There are several thousand attendees at this Conference. The 2008 winner will also participate in a Research Poster session, where he will demonstrate the system.

Minerva Canada Safety Management Education Inc.

Minerva Canada is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the teaching of Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Management in post secondary schools across Canada. It targets the educators of tomorrow's leaders by encouraging colleges and universities to embed SHE management education into the core curricula of business and engineering programs. Research has repeatedly shown that effective, productive and profitable companies have a CEO and senior management team who understand the benefits of SHE management systems and processes and are committed to them. SHE management education is a fundamental cornerstone of an effective corporate culture. Minerva consists of volunteers from industry, government, academia and safety associations. Key sponsors include Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, Ministry of Labour, the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, Imperial Oil Limited, General Motors of Canada, Dupont Canada, Bruce Power, Trimac, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, the National Safety Council, and the Canadian Society for Safety Engineers.

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