

**Pemberton entrepreneur finishes among top 10
in TELUS New Ventures BC competition**

A new technology that creates energy to produce electricity and desalinated water landed Pemberton entrepreneur Nigel Protter among the 10 finalists in the TELUS New Ventures BC competition.

One of North America's largest technology business idea competitions, TELUS New Ventures BC attracted 83 BC participants who competed through up to four rounds of competition over six months in their bid to win a share of \$120,000 in prize packages.

Protter, president and CEO of Sieber Energy Inc., entered the competition with his company's SieWAVE Energy Accumulator technology. SieWAVE converts ocean wave swells into a pressurized working fluid that can be applied to the production of electricity and desalinated water. Protter says the technology uniquely produces enough pressure to improve the economics of large-scale, reverse-osmosis desalination.

"The technology can be scaled from small to very large electricity or desalination plants and produces energy at a price competitive with wind power," says Protter, who anticipates a global market for SieWAVE.

Competition winners were announced September 24. The BMO Bank of Montreal \$60,000 first prize winner was Vectis Technology Inc. of North Vancouver with its new lithographic plate processor technology for the offset press printing industry. SST Wireless Inc. of Kelowna took the \$40,000 second prize package for its tire pressure monitoring system while Aquassure Bath Products, also of Kelowna, took the \$20,000 third prize package for its bathtub for the disabled.

TELUS New Ventures BC is supported by the public and private sectors and is operated by the non-profit BC Venture Society. Its aim is to nurture BC technology entrepreneurs.

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