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**Canada's Top 100 Corporate R&D Spenders List 2007**  
**R&D Spending in Ontario-based Companies Down -4.3%**

Toronto - October 22, 2007 – Thirty-nine Ontario-based firms made *Canada's Top 100 Corporate R&D Spenders List 2007*, released today by Research Infosource Inc. Together these firms reported R&D expenditures of \$6.1 billion in Fiscal 2006, down from \$6.4 billion in 2005 – a year-over-year drop of -4.3%. In total, Canada's top corporate R&D companies invested \$11.4 billion in R&D activities in Fiscal 2006, a decline of -3.8% over Fiscal 2005. This spending drop comes after a two-year upturn in R&D spending – Fiscal 2005 (4.9%) and Fiscal 2004 (3.0%).

"With uncertain times ahead for Ontario's economy, it is disappointing that research investment is not robust, even though revenues are generally up", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource.

In Fiscal 2006, 12 Ontario companies out of 24 firms qualified for Research Infosource's elite \$100 Million Club, reserved for companies that posted \$100 million or more in R&D spending:

- #1 – Nortel Networks Corporation** maintained 1st place with \$2.2 billion R&D spending in Fiscal 2006, down -2.2%.
- #3 – Magna International Inc.** maintains 3rd place again this year, reported \$652.1 million in spending, down -20.8% over Fiscal 2005.
- #5 – ATI Technologies Inc.** (now AMD Canada) stayed in 5th place with \$458.2 million and an increase of 1.5% over last year.
- #6 – IBM Canada Ltd.** increased their R&D spending by 5.0% to \$360 million in Fiscal 2006.
- #8 – Atomic Energy of Canada Limited** kept their 8th place rank again this year, despite a -6.8% drop in R&D spending in Fiscal 2006 down to \$246.1 million in spending.
- #10 – Alcatel-Lucent** (was Alcatel Canada Inc.) moved 1 spot from 11th last year, although their spending dropped -3.5%, falling to \$187.2 million in Fiscal 2006.
- #11 – Research In Motion Limited** jumped 6 spots from #17 last year, with an outstanding gain of 45.8%, bringing their spending to \$178.77 million in 2006.
- #12 – Apotex Inc.** maintained #12 again this year, with R&D spending of \$178.76 million, although spending declined by -2.4%.
- #13 – GlaxoSmithKline Canada** picked up 1 spot from #14 last year, reporting \$177 million with a substantial increase of 30.6% over Fiscal 2005.
- #18 – Cognos Incorporated** down 3 spots from #15, reporting \$130.1 million in R&D spending, up 1.4% over Fiscal 2005.
- #22 – Biovail Corporation** dropped 2 positions from #20 with \$108.3 million of R&D expenditures reported in 2006, up 0.5%.
- #23 – Sanofi Pasteur Limited** jumped 4 places from #27 back onto the \$100 Million Club with \$105.4 million in spending, from \$92.8 million in Fiscal 2005, up 13.5%.

By industry sector, the Communications/telecommunications equipment sector accounted for 26% of total R&D spending in Fiscal 2006, followed by Pharmaceutical/biotechnology sector (17%), Telecommunications services (14%), Aerospace (8%), Energy/oil and gas (8%), Software and computer services (6%), Automotive (6%), Computer equipment (4%), Mining and metals (4%), Forest and paper products (3%) and Electronic parts and components (3%).

Regionally, British Columbia's 12 top 100 companies accounted for \$646.5 million in R&D spending or 6% of the total in Fiscal 2006. This represents a decrease of -2.8%. In the Prairies, 15 Alberta companies spent \$718.4 million for 6% of the total. Alberta was the only province reporting positive spending growth, with a huge increase of 19.3%. Manitoba's single entry on the list spent \$35.7 million in R&D, and declined by -19.5% over last year. The 39 companies headquartered in Ontario accounted for just over half (53%) of all R&D spending with \$6.1 billion in Fiscal 2006, falling by -4.3%. Quebec's 32 companies spent \$3.9 billion in Fiscal 2006, down -6.3% over 2005 and accounting for 34% of total R&D expenditures.

The complete *Canada's Top 100 Corporate R&D Spenders List 2007* is available on the Research Infosource website, **[www.researchinfosource.com](http://www.researchinfosource.com)**. An in-depth *Canada's Top Corporate R&D Spenders Report 2007*, based on over 650 companies, is slated for publication later this year. Research Infosource Inc., a division of The Impact Group, is Canada's source of R&D intelligence. Drawing from an extensive database, Research Infosource Inc. publishes *Canada's Top 100 Corporate R&D Spenders List*, *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, and specialized reports.

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