Last month I provid-

ed an overview of our

government's Chemicals

Management Plan, a

tough new \$300-million

plan to curb the use of tox-

ic chemicals in Canada.

This month I would like

to provide an overview

of another element of our

environmental approach,

our government's ecoEN-

ERGY plan. This plan

contains three initiatives

to help Canadians use

energy more efficiently,

boost renewable ener-

gy supplies and develop

cleaner energy technolo-

ecoENERGY Efficiency

Initiative, a \$300 million

investment over four years

to promote smarter energy

use. Part of this initiative

is the ecoENERGY Retro-

fit Initiative that will offer

financial incentives to ho-

meowners and businesses

who retrofit homes, small

buildings and industrial

processes to improve en-

of Canada's housing sup-

ply is built new each year.

Therefore, an important

way to reduce household

energy use is to make

existing Canadian homes

more energy efficient. The average grant is expected

to be more than \$1,000

and will yield an aver-

age 30 percent reduction

in energy use and costs.

It is expected that up to

Only one to two percent

ergy efficiency.

The first initiative is the





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\$10 million loan creates 100 new jobs

The Ontario government's Advanced Manufacturing Investment strategy (AMIS) has granted a \$10 million loan to Roxul Inc. which will create 100 new jobs at the Milton Roxul Inc. plant.

Roxul is investing in a new production line at its Milton facility that will manufacture a range of new commercial, industrial and residential insulation products including manufacturing processes that conserve energy and generate no waste while using waste materials from the

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steel and construction industries. The expansion will more than double the company's production in North America.

loan supports a total project investment of \$103.7 million. Roxul is making further investments in land and buildings to bring the total investment at the company's Milton plan on Harrop Drive to approximately \$135 million.

The \$10 million AMIS

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Government's ecoENERGY aim:

By Mike Chong



use energy efficiently, boost supplies

150,000 homeowners and 800 small and mediumsized businesses will take advantage of these incentives to cut their energy use and costs.

The second initiative is the ecoENERGY Technology Initiative, a \$230-million investment to fund the research, development and demonstration of clean energy technologies. New technologies are the key to solving two of our biggest environmental challenges—air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. With the technologies of today, we cannot overcome these challenges. To meet them, we need to develop the technologies of the future that will focus on key priorities, such as CO2

sequestration, carbon capture and storage and clean oil sands production. That is why our government is investing \$230 million over four years in this initiative.

The third initiative is the ecoENERGY Renewable Initiative, an investment of more than \$1.5 billion to boost Canada's renewable energy supplies. This money will be used to boost Canada's supply of clean electricity from renewable sources like wind, biomass, small hydro, and ocean energy. The purpose of this initiative is to bring clean energy prices more in line with those of conventionally generated electricity, and to encourage the adoption for water heating, space heating, and space cooling in buildings.

As it currently stands, the heating and cooling of buildings consumes 30 percent of our energy and is responsible for almost 30 percent of greenhouse gases emissions. If owners of those buildings install renewable thermal-energy technologies, we can reduce national emissions substantially, and save owners a considerable amount of money.

These are initiatives that will have a real impact on our environment and our health

Program details about all three ecoENERGY initiatives, including information about how to apply for ecoENERGY grants, can be found at http://www.ecoenergyecoenergie.gc.ca.

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