

## Nexterra Hires Chief Engineer

**Vancouver, BC - April 7, 2004** - Nexterra Energy Corp., is pleased to announce that Dejan Sparica has been appointed as Chief Engineer. He will be responsible for managing Nexterra's technical and engineering teams including gasifier product development, applications engineering and energy project management.

"We are delighted that Dejan has joined our senior management team at such an important time in Nexterra's development," said Jonathan Rhone, CEO of Nexterra. "He is a seasoned professional with outstanding skills and a proven track record. Nexterra will benefit tremendously from his expertise and experience."

"I am very pleased to join Nexterra," said Mr. Sparica. "Nexterra's gasification technology has tremendous promise at a time when gasification is gaining rapid acceptance as a cleaner and more versatile alternative to combustion. I look forward to contributing to the implementation of the Company's commercialization program."

Before joining Nexterra, Dejan held senior positions with Wellons Canada (previously Salton Fabrication) including Contract Department Manager where he was responsible for managing engineering design, construction and commissioning of wood-fired energy systems for customers in the forest industry. Wellons is Western Canada's largest manufacturer of wood-fired energy systems and lumber dry kilns. Dejan is a Professional Engineer. He received his formal training from the University of Belgrade in Yugoslavia where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1984.

**About Nexterra Energy Corp.** - Nexterra Energy develops, manufactures and delivers advanced gasification systems that convert solid fuels into clean, low cost heat and power. Our energy solutions enable industrial customers to self-generate energy using waste or residuals produced on-site. This results in dramatically lower energy costs, increased energy security and less reliance on natural gas and grid-purchased electricity.

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