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Press Release

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, 7 June, 2010:

Black is Green - finalist in the 2010 Premier's ClimateSmart Sustainability Awards

Mackay-based company, Black is Green, was named a finalist in the *Innovation in ClimateSmart Technologies* category of the Queensland ClimateSmart Sustainability Awards, at the awards ceremony on Friday night in Brisbane.

On the eve of World Environment Day, the recognition was for BiG's efforts in developing a patented technology to convert plant and animal wastes into valuable biochar and energy.

Biochar is an agricultural grade of charcoal which provides a host of environmental benefits when applied to soils. These include reduced fertiliser run-off, improved water retention and sustained increases in soil carbon content. Biochar is increasingly recognized for its potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously providing commercially attractive benefits to land users. Influential Australians such as Tim Flannery, Malcom Turnbull and Don Burke are some of the prominent supporters of biochar.

BiG's *BiGchar* technology addresses the challenge to make biochar production economically viable, by making the systems mobile or relocatable, more productive and more efficient than the technologies currently used. BiG's achievements in these key areas are attracting worldwide interest.

Black is Green co-director Dr. James Joyce commented: "We were pleasantly surprised to have been chosen as one of three finalists from a list of forty Queensland companies, many of whom are recognised leaders in the field of sustainable technologies."

The Premier's ClimateSmart Sustainability Awards were established to recognise the achievements of Queensland communities, businesses and industries in reducing carbon emissions, taking action to abate climate change, and improving business sustainability.

Further details on BiGchar technology and BiG's current activities are available at its website www.bigchar.com.au, or by email on contact@bigchar.com.au.



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