

Canadian Innovation Awards 2004-2005

Innovative Business of the Year for the Province of Quebec

STAS (Société des Technologies de l'Aluminium du Saguenay Inc.)

Founded in 1989, STAS started as a company entirely devoted to the aluminum industry. Since then, the company has evolved into a dynamic and entrepreneurial organization specializing in the development, fabrication and commercialization of state-of-the-art, technologically advanced equipment. While still a leader in the aluminum industry, STAS has lent its expertise to other industries, such as pulp and paper. From its base in the heart of Quebec, it has honed years of experience and developed products and services sought after throughout the world (80% of the company's business is with export customers).

STAS is a recognized leader in its innovative abilities to develop and fabricate sophisticated equipment serving various sectors; in contributing to pollution reduction; and in offering excellent prices, using the most recent versions of programmable controllers in control and instrumentation. Equipment offered by STAS includes dross cooling systems, degassing equipment, crucible cleaners, filtering equipment for molten metal, rotary injectors, and more.



(L-R) Paul-Arthur Huot; Pierre Bouchard, President, Société des Technologies de l'Aluminium du Saguenay Inc.; Yvon Marcoux, Québec Minister of Transport; Perrin Beatty.

The activities of STAS are divided into design and marketing. By subcontracting with manufacturing companies, STAS can provide its clients with fast, reliable service at competitive prices.

Reacting to the 2004 Canadian Innovation Award, STAS President Pierre Bouchard says, "We are very proud to receive this prestigious award. It will enable us to further develop our worldwide business. This is certainly a team award, and by that I don't refer only to the hard-working team within STAS. I mean that, along with our employees, our partner companies (including Alcan, Noranda and Hydro-Quebec), contractors and suppliers all contribute to our success, and thus, to this award. We couldn't have done it without them." The STAS Group includes two legal entities: **STAS: The design, fabrication, commercialization of equipment** **INIGEC: Consulting engineering (100% owned by STAS).**

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