

Green Energy Merger: Ontario Solar & Geothermal Businesses Unite

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Long time friends and colleagues David Cleave and Barry Kowacz have announced the merger of their two green energy companies (solar & geothermal), under the Cleave Energy banner. David Cleave, President & CEO of Cleave Energy Inc., sees this integration as the obvious next step in the Ontario green energy market. GeoDynamics, owned and operated by Barry & Nancy Kowacz, has installed both residential and commercial geothermal systems throughout the province of Ontario. With over 400 systems to date, GeoDynamics is one of the top 5 installers in the province. “It makes good sense for the top geothermal company to merge with the one of Ontario’s top solar companies” says Cleave. Cleave Energy has always believed in vertical integration to control cost and ensure prompt completion of turn-key projects for their clients. With the success of Cleave Energy’s Ontario solar program combined with Kowacz geothermal experience and knowledge, this winning team will let Cleave Energy bring a more complete array of energy options to the residential and commercial markets.



Cleave has been actively seeking the right opportunity to diversify to Ontario’s geothermal market and is delighted to have Kowacz join the team. Kowacz will be coming on as Vice President of Geothermal Operations Canada. Cleave calls Kowacz a pioneer in the Ontario geothermal business, dating back to 1988 where he was building open loop systems. At this time, the rest of the province barely knew the word ‘geothermal’. Working closely with engineers on large commercial projects, Kowacz has earned the respect of the entire industry. When engineers need help trouble shooting or with design problems, Kowacz is the one they call.

Robert Christie, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Cleave Energy, is excited to launch the geothermal product line across Ontario. Christie says this is a great opportunity for the Cleave sales representatives to bring a more complete energy offering to the consumer.

Drilling is a big part of geothermal and the Cleave family is no newcomer to the art of drilling. With extensive experience in natural gas and electrical distribution, Cleave has used horizontal drilling since 1994. They now welcome Scott Frechette as Director of Drilling Operations. Frechette has 20 years of vertical down-hole drilling experience across Canada. Cleave is very pleased to reunite with Frechette, who actually started his drilling career with the Cleaves back in the ‘90s.

David Cleave says, “Great things can be achieved when great people come together with common goals and commitment to the industry. The goal for the Cleave family is to have the strongest vertically integrated energy company in Canada”.