



Stantec named one of Canada's Best 50 Corporate Citizens and first among industry peers by Corporate Knights

EDMONTON, Alberta and NEW YORK, July 02, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Stantec was named by Corporate Knights as the top firm among industry peers within its ranking of Canada's Best 50 Corporate Citizens of 2021. All ranking honorees were selected from a pool of 271 Canadian companies with revenues over \$1 billion, each evaluated on a set of 24 environmental, social, and governance (ESG) indicators relative to their industry peers and using publicly available information. The Best 50 companies ranking sets the standard for sustainability leadership in Canada by spotlighting honorees of varying sizes and sectors, including publicly-traded and privately-owned companies, Crown corporations, credit unions, and co-op organizations, among others. The full list and methodology for the Canada's Best 50 Corporate Citizens rankings can be found [here](#). The designation arrives following the early 2021 [announcement](#) by Corporate Knights that Stantec was ranked the fifth most sustainable company in the world.

"We are proud to be recognized among Canada's most prominent corporate leaders in sustainability," said Gord Johnston, President and CEO. "We maintain a dedicated emphasis on sustainability through our operations, leadership focus, and talented staff who guide clients around the globe. To rank high in such a diverse list of this year's honorees – ranging in size, sector, and ownership – is an honor and I see it as a promising indicator of a commitment to sustainability that is rapidly spreading across Canada."

The Corporate Knights recognitions are among a series of recent ESG-driven accolades earned by the company from different leading organizations. The CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) awarded Stantec its technical [classification of A-](#), making Stantec the only engineering and design firm in the industry to earn an A- rating for the last three consecutive years. Within recent months, Forbes named Stantec as one of [America's Best Employers for Women](#) and one of [America's Best Employers for Diversity](#). Additionally, the firm was named for the second year in a row to the [Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index](#) for fostering inclusion.

In 2021, Stantec pledged to achieve a 1.5°C science-based emissions reduction target, carbon neutrality for 2022 emissions, and [net-zero operations by 2030](#) across its entire global footprint.

More information on the firm's sustainable initiatives, projects, and thought leadership can be found on the company's website [here](#).

About Stantec

Communities are fundamental. Whether around the corner or across the globe, they provide a foundation, a sense of place and of belonging. That's why at Stantec, we always **design with community in mind**.

We care about the communities we serve—because they're our communities too. This allows us to assess what's needed and connect our expertise, to appreciate nuances and envision what's never been considered, to bring together diverse perspectives so we can collaborate toward a shared success.

We're designers, engineers, scientists, and project managers, innovating together at the intersection of community, creativity, and client relationships. Balancing these priorities results in projects that advance the quality of life in communities across the globe.

Stantec trades on the TSX and the NYSE under the symbol STN. Visit us at [stantec.com](#) or find us on social media.

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