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## ADI CEO Enters Hall of Fame

HALIFAX, NS (May 8, 2009) – Hollis Cole, CEO of ADI Group Inc., was named one of the Top 50 CEOs in Atlantic Canada for the fifth time, earning him a spot in the Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame. The awards gala, attended by Atlantic Canada's who's who of business, was held last evening in Halifax at the World Trade and Convention Centre.

"I am overwhelmed by the support I have received and am truly humbled," stated Mr. Cole. "Leading ADI is a great pleasure, made more so by the excellent people I am honoured to work along side."

Mr. Cole became CEO of ADI Group Inc. in 1996 and has been with the company for 35 years. He became a Fellow of *Engineers Canada* last year, and served on the national board from 1999 to 2004, including a year as President. Other awards include: Atlantic Canada Entrepreneur of the Year-Business & Services Category; Award of Merit, APEGNB and Meritorious Award, Engineers Canada.

Mr. Cole currently volunteers his expertise on the York Manor fundraising committee and served as a council member on the UNB Forging our Futures Campaign.

In addition to Mr. Cole's accolades, ADI recently re-qualified for the "Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies" award and was also presented an award last week for Sustainable Design. The project was recognized nationally as the first full service hospital to achieve a Silver LEED designation in Canada, and one of a select few healthcare facilities so designated in North America.

"It is nice to be recognized by peers and business colleagues, but the real test is providing value to our customers, year after year in a consistent and sustained manner," observed Mr. Cole. "The ADI team demonstrates great leadership in collectively achieving our goals, and we look forward to continued excellence in all that we do."

ADI, an employee-owned firm, offers a wide range of services, including architectural planning and design, consulting engineering, project and construction management, and design-build services to industries and governments worldwide. ADI has projects in over 30 countries around the world.

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