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## **Los Niños Short-listed for the 2007 Alcan Prize for Sustainability**

**September 26, 2007; (San Diego, California)** -- Los Niños has been short-listed for the US\$1 million 2007 Alcan Prize for Sustainability by Alcan and International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF). Los Niños was selected as one of 10 short-listed organizations from 155 entries received from 53 countries around the world.

Elisa Sabatini, Executive Director, said, "We are honoured to be on the short-list for the 2007 Alcan Prize for Sustainability. It is a great acknowledgment to be short-listed and awarded a US\$15,000 Training Grant. This recognition validates the work we do, provides important visibility for our efforts and the Grant allows for capacity building within the organization to achieve continued success."

Alcan Inc., a global leader in aluminum and packaging, created the Alcan Prize for Sustainability in 2004 to recognize outstanding contributions to the goal of economic, environmental, and social sustainability by not-for-profit, non-governmental, and civil society organizations. "On behalf of Alcan, I would like to congratulate Los Niños. This is one of the most geographically diverse short-lists since the creation of the Alcan Prize for Sustainability in 2004," said Dick Evans, President and CEO of Alcan Inc. "The diversity in this year's group of finalists also extends to the outstanding work these organizations are doing around the world. They are a fine representation of what the Alcan Prize for Sustainability is all about," he added.

To ensure credibility and objectivity, Alcan engage IBLF to manage the Alcan Prize for Sustainability. Following the closing date for entries, IBLF coordinated Assessment Panels in India, Canada, Russia, United Kingdom and South Africa to review entries and select the short-list. This process engaged more than 100 sustainability experts to act as Assessors representing business, academia, government, and the NGO community. The Adjudication Panel composed of international experts in sustainability and Chaired by David Runnalls, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Institute for Sustainable Development, fully endorsed the 10 short-listed organizations and the Assessment process. Alcan does not have a voice in the Assessment or selection of Alcan Prize candidates.

The Adjudication Panel will now conduct an in-depth review of the short-list and select the winner of the Alcan Prize. This is the first year where all short-listed organizations will receive Alcan Training Grants. These US\$15,000 Grants, formerly awarded at the judges' discretion, will allow a senior representative of each organization to participate on an appropriate learning opportunity, for example, the Post-graduate certificate in Cross Sector Partnership from the University of Cambridge. The Alcan Prize winner will be announced when the Adjudication Process is complete.



Los Niños has 34 years of experience working in the US/Mexico border region. In that time the organization has developed a model of community development that integrates nutrition and ecology classes, micro credit and leadership education. Programs are complemented with “voluntourists” (volunteer travelers to the region). The visitors learn about development and work with local residents to complete community-defined initiatives. Now leveraging the many years of experience, Los Niños is launching an institute for community development and voluntourism, supporting other organizations and community groups in other regions of the world to adapt these strategies to their reality. For more information, please visit: [www.losninosintl.org](http://www.losninosintl.org), [www.voluntours.org](http://www.voluntours.org) and [www.voluntourism.org](http://www.voluntourism.org).

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