

THE CHURCHILL CORPORATION

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LAIRD ELECTRIC ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT – BLAIR BANNERHOLT **The Churchill Corporation Announces New Board Member Designate**

Laird Electric Inc. (“Laird”), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Churchill Corporation (TSX – CUQ) today announced the appointment of Mr. Blair Bannerholt to the position of President of Laird. Mr. Bannerholt’s previous role has been Chief Operations Officer of Laird for the past 2 years, and he had worked for Laird for seven years earlier in his career. Prior to being COO at Laird, Mr. Bannerholt held the position of Construction Coordinator at Suncor Energy. Mr. Bannerholt is a long time resident of Fort McMurray. Blair will replace retiring President, Mr. George Schneider on April 30, 2006.

“Blair has shown great leadership qualities since rejoining our company in 2004” said George Schneider. “We are very fortunate to be able to move our company forward with full confidence in Blair’s abilities”.

George Schneider has been with Laird for the last 23 years and as President for the past 10 years. Mr. Norm Rokosh, President and CEO of The Churchill Corporation, said “Our Company is very appreciative of the dedicated leadership of George and the accomplishments of Laird under George’s guidance. During his 23 years, Laird has grown from a small electrical company with 10 employees, to our current company which is one of Alberta’s most successful and largest electrical contractors. Also, we congratulate Blair on his new appointment and are pleased to see the continuity of management within the executive team.”

Churchill is very pleased to announce that Mr. Schneider will be continuing his long association with Laird and Churchill in the capacity of director of The Churchill Corporation. “Our corporation will benefit greatly by George’s years of experience in the construction contracting business and his depth of knowledge in the oil sands sector” said Dr. Peter Adams, Churchill’s Chairman of the Board. George will stand for election to the Board at the next annual shareholder’s meeting of The Churchill Corporation in May, 2006.

The Churchill Corporation provides building construction, industrial construction and maintenance services throughout western Canada. Churchill shares are listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “CUQ”.

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