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U.S. GEOTHERMAL COMMENDED FOR USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Boise-based company receives Governor's Clean Energy Award at premier Northwest event

BOISE, Idaho – January 31, 2007 (OTCBB: **UGTH**, TSX.V: **GTH**) U.S. Geothermal Inc. ("U.S. Geothermal"), a Boise-based renewable energy development company, received the Governor's Clean Energy Award during the Harvesting Clean Energy Conference this week. The award recognizes U.S. Geothermal's contribution to the development of renewable energy in Idaho.

"We are honored by this recognition. Idaho's vast geothermal energy potential, coupled with hydroelectric power and wind power, could allow our state to become a leader in renewable energy production," said Daniel Kunz, president and CEO of U.S. Geothermal. "The geothermal energy industry is showing the world the power of what's under our globe's rug: abundant energy generated by a natural power source low in emissions."

The conference is the Northwest's premier event, bringing agriculture and clean energy production together. Lt. Governor Jim Risch presented the Governor's Clean Energy award to U.S. Geothermal in acknowledgement of the company's development of geothermal resources in Idaho.

"What U.S. Geothermal is showing us is that within the Earth's bedrock lies a resource that is always available, will never run out, and works like a model of efficiency using smart science," said Risch.

U.S. Geothermal is in the process of building a binary cycle geothermal power generation plant at Raft River, Idaho – the first commercial geothermal power plant in the Pacific Northwest. The project covers 8.2 square miles and the first phase 13MW power plant is currently under construction.

The seventh annual Harvesting Clean Energy conference is a three-day event in Boise with an estimated 500 attendees.

About US Geothermal:

U.S. Geothermal is a renewable energy development company that is in the process of constructing a geothermal power project at Raft River, Idaho and developing Neal Hot Springs in

eastern Oregon. U.S. Geothermal holds, through ownership or lease, geothermal rights of private lands that comprise the Raft River project in Southeastern Idaho. The Raft River geothermal site is currently under construction of a 13 MW power plant expected to be online in the fourth quarter of 2007. On the basis of a report prepared by the company's independent consultant, GeothermEx Inc., of Richmond California, the site has a 50% probability of a power production capacity of 15.6 MW per square mile which may translate to 100 MW or more. U.S. Geothermal has signed a power sales contract for one 10MW power plant with the Idaho Power Company, is in negotiations for an additional 26 MW with new customers, and has secured transmission for up to 36MW with the Bonneville Power Administration.

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