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Company history and description

Swiss Solar Tech (SST) Ltd. is a self-financed private British Columbia company, incorporated in 2001, based in Summerland, B.C. Canada. Swiss Solar Tech Ltd. was formed for the purpose of providing solar water heating and heat recovery systems to the business sector by offering the most advanced technologies and custom-designed hybrid systems. We specialize in two areas:

- energy retrofits of commercial buildings, and
- systems for new commercial construction.

We employ three to four people full time. Additional engineers, plumbers, electricians and other professionals are hired locally, where available, as required on a project-by-project basis.

The founder of the company, Roger Huber, has over 25 years of experience in solar and heat pump installations. He first gained his know-how in European countries and has been involved in more than 500 solar installations and/or solar system designs. For example, he helped to improve heat pump efficiency for a heat pump manufacturer from Sweden, and assisted in research and development of a new solar collector model in Switzerland.

For the past six years, based in Canada, Swiss Solar Tech Ltd. has designed and installed systems involving a total of more than 2,000 square meters of solar absorber surface. We have gained the expertise to provide award-winning heating and cooling systems for commercial buildings, tailored to our customers' requirements.

What the company does

Our services include personalized consulting, design and installation. Our experts first provide a detailed energy-efficiency proposal. With our commitment to innovation as well as quality and economy, we give each customer a high performance, distinctive design.

Using world-leading solar technologies, we provide highly-efficient heating and cooling systems with the best possible pay-back. Swiss Solar Tech does that by combining solar thermal with ground-source heat pumps, air-to-water pumps, heat recovery systems and geothermal ground loops. Our energy-efficient techniques and technologies save significant energy costs for structures such as hotels, resorts and multi-residential buildings. In order to give a return-on-investment of 20% and higher, we carefully analyze customers' requirements.

Customers receive the benefit of having one company oversee the entire project -- from planning and design to supplying and installing the equipment. With our technical know-how and management skills, Swiss Solar Tech Ltd. creates cost-effective renewable energy and heat recovery solutions. Our goal is to solve heating and cooling challenges in the way that saves the most money and is most pleasing to each customer.

Our future goal is to work *with* our clients and strive to deliver the newest technologies available for energy efficient HVAC systems, installed on time and at competitive prices. Our success lies in satisfied customers whom we respect and who provide excellent references. That allows the company to grow. The owners of Swiss Solar Tech simply want their children, and all of Earth's offspring to breathe clean air, on this beautiful planet.

a. Uniqueness

The unique aspect of this particular hotel project (completed by Swiss Solar Tech Ltd.) is that various different energy saving techniques were *combined* to achieve maximum results, i.e. save 80% on natural gas consumption and therefore prevent 4,000 tons of CO₂ gas emission every year. Greenhouse gas emissions are greatly reduced, since this hotel now has no need for gas boilers -- not even for back-up heating.

Here are some energy-saving techniques and technologies that were integrated together in this application of technology:

- thermal solar collectors,
- large water storage tanks,
- heat exchangers, and
- techniques for recovering heat from the building's air-exhaust.

Sixty solar collectors were installed, part of them on a sloped roof and the others on the flat portion of the roof, facing south in order to collect the most heat per year. Their closed polyethylene glycol solar loop is connected to several heat exchangers to heat domestic hot water, and the 60,000 liter in-ground storage tank captures the last bit of the solar heat gain. This Solar Thermal System provides 70% of the domestic hot water heating needed by the hotel. (Refer to enclosed Polyson report).



Heat pumps offer the final component of this efficient heating system. When integrated in this unique fashion, the system substantially reduces the load on the boiler. To increase the efficiency from the solar collectors, the closed glycol loop is also directly connected to the 90-ton heat pump units.

Normally, it would require one kilowatt of electrical power to run the heat pump, and that converts into the equivalent of a 3.5 kilowatt output. To put it in technical language, the Coefficient Of Performance, COP, is 3.5.

However, now that the system gets support from solar and exhaust heat (wasted heat being blown out of the building), the hotel's heat pump system can easily achieve a Coefficient of Performance of 5.5.

When the days are cloudy and not enough solar heat can be produced for domestic hot water heating, our solar system still brings the lower-temperature solar heat to the heat pump loop. With this technology, the heat pump is still able to operate exceedingly efficiently when the outside temperature is only 5 to 8 degree Celsius.

The hot water is stored in a 60,000 liter (15,850 US gallons) in-ground storage tank. This hot water is used either for showers, to heat the pool, to heat/cool the hotel rooms, or to supply heat to the heat pump.

The system also collects approximately 60% of the exhaust heat from the building and passes the heat on to the 60,000 liter storage tank via a heat exchanger. The 90-ton heat pump unit feeds heat from this storage tank and provides the hotel building with cooling and heating at the same time.

At certain times the south-faced side of the building operates the air conditioner while the north side of the building might be on heating mode. When the cooling system extracts the heat out from the rooms, the system uses heat recovery technology to re-direct it to the north side of the building where heat is asked for. Therefore, no heat is lost.

This application is different from our competitors, since most hotels, apartment buildings or other commercial buildings are simply *retrofitting their old equipment* with high-efficiency *gas furnaces* or spending large sums of money to *completely replace* their systems with a geothermal solution.

With our solar/heat pump hybrid system, *no extensive ground loops* have to be installed. Instead, we simply recover the exhaust heat and air-conditioning system heat (waste heat) and redirect it to wherever it is needed. This application is a *hybrid* of independent energy-efficient systems. Therefore it offers great savings – it adds up to a fraction of the cost of replacing a hotel's heating and cooling system.



b. User Acceptance

The user has found the **solar heat pump hybrid system** to be easy to service and cost less to maintain. The hotel has also found that the system operates without the need for their maintenance staff to do much work. This has allowed the maintenance staff to attend to other details of the hotel that require their attention.

A display in the hotel lobby teaches guests how the system operates, and helps to educate the public on the importance of the energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly measures taken by the hotel.

Guests in fact come to stay at this specific hotel because of its environmentally-friendly approach to heating and cooling the building and pool. The building owner is very pleased with the Canada-wide publicity in all media, and of course the owner is happy about the savings this system has achieved.

c. Execution

Factors that contributed to the success of this implementation were:

- Unique combination of independent technologies and techniques
- Professional design and project management, i.e. know-how
- Professional installation
- Successful startup of the system
- Effective on-site education of personnel
- On-going monitoring and cost-saving analysis
- Recovery of available government subsidies

(See the reference letters from hotel owner Mr. Brad Gabrielson, and Choice Hotels Canada)



Mr. Brad Gabrielson (Hotel owner)



Grand Opening Ceremony

SQUIRREL INN INC.

(Also operating as Comfort Inn & Suites, Red Deer, Alberta)

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To whom It May Concern:

January 29, 2007

Alberta was turning 100 years old and I wanted to do something unique & special for Alberta's century turning event, though calling the hotel Centennial Inn or Century Inn did not appeal to me.

Instead I decided to build the most energy efficient, environmentally friendly green hotel ever built in Canada if not North America.

After doing some research and making a few calls I was fortunate enough to meet Roger Huber from Swiss Solar Tech Ltd. I learned that he had completed many projects worldwide. All the parties I had contacted who he had worked for definitely said they would have him back again.

Unlike some engineers who shun this new technology and see Roger as a threat rather than an asset, my construction team was willing learn, take advice and absorb as much knowledge as they could from this Master of Solar Energy. It was a combined effort with Camdon Construction acting as the quarterback, Civic Mechanical, Cognidyn Engineering, DDC Controls, and all parties willing to learn and take advice from Swiss Solar Tech Ltd. who had 26 years experience designing environmentally friendly and energy efficient buildings.

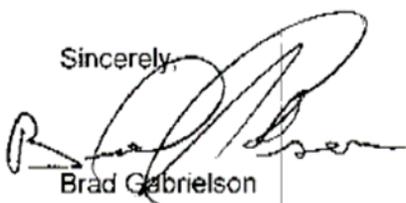
My hotel has now been open for now for 15 months, has 88 suites, a water park with slide, and hot tub. The gas bill over this period was less than \$24,000- most of which went towards the running of the 3 dryers. All the hot & cold domestic water, water park pool, hot tub, air conditioning and laundry hot water was supplied through the solar energy system supplied by Roger Huber. My overall gas bill was about 20% of a neighboring hotel that had 5 more rooms.

Besides the gas saving, another benefit of using solar power was that my insurance also when down since when the solar energy system installed by Swiss Solar Tech. Ltd. does not utilize gas lines, which in turn means the fire risk is eliminated.

I am now in the process of building my second hotel along with a strip mall complex. Roger Huber and his company will be involved from the ground floor including design and implementation. I want my next project to be even more energy efficient and environmentally friendly than my first hotel.

In closing, if you do not consider going with free solar energy I feel you are being foolish. If you decide on solar energy and do not use Roger Huber and Swiss Solar Tech. Ltd. that will be a big mistake.

Sincerely,



Brad Gabrielson

d. Benefits and Strategic Advantage of the:

GeoSol System at the Comfort Inn & Suites



-Energy Savings Benefits

Because of their exceptional efficiency, solar energy systems in combination with the geothermal hybrid systems are substantially less expensive to operate than traditional natural gas or electric commercial heating and cooling systems. The cost savings available from a solar thermal and geothermal system will depend on the heating and cooling requirements for your commercial building, local climate, energy costs, and building use. Other heating costs can also be dramatically reduced. For example, heat removed from the building while air conditioning in the summer can be used to heat domestic hot water, swimming pools, hot tubs, or other parts of the facility.

Solar/geothermal heat recovery systems typically cost 70% to 80% less to operate than traditional commercial systems. The simple payback (the period of years before the savings in annual operating costs exceed the initial premium of an installation) ranges from 3 to 6 years, and in many cases installing a solar/geothermal heat recovery system can result in positive cash flow from the first month of operation. Many utility companies also offer grants and rebates for buildings using solar thermal and geothermal heat recovery systems.

To provide a real example of the cost savings from a solar thermal/geothermal heat recovery system, we have calculated the energy consumption for one of our recent commercial installations at the Comfort Inn & Suites.

The overall gas bill of the Comfort Inn & Suites is only 20% of a neighboring hotel that has 5 more rooms and a slightly smaller water park. This hotel next to the Comfort Inn pays over \$120,000 per year for gas, while the Comfort Inn has a gas bill of \$24,000 per year. This results in a difference of actual energy cost savings of \$98,000 annually.

The total savings over 10 years are more than \$980,000 and this is calculated without any energy rate increase for the ten year to come.

-Direct Benefits

The system will have lower maintenance costs compare to conventional gas boilers systems. Because of the lower operating temperatures of the system of 40 degree Celsius (instead of 65 to 70 degree Celsius used with a gas boiler systems) a longer life span of equipment can be achieved, since there is much less expansion inside the pipes with lower temperatures.

The maintenance Chief has full control over the system with the integration of a DDC wireless control system and will note uneven operation immediately and at any time. Therefore the hotel will only require one man for maintenance, which also results in a cost savings in labor of about \$33,600 (calculated without any social benefits for an extra employee).

The hotel has also benefited from all the media attention as the most energy efficient hotel in Canada and has attracted environmentally friendly hotel guest.

-Environmental Benefits

The GEOSOL system will also provide a better air quality to hotel guest as well as to local residents. With this system, the hotel will prevent 720 tons of co2 gas emission annually, that would otherwise cause air pollution in the atmosphere.



-Indirect Benefits

The owner/investors benefit of being able to operate the hotel on lower energy costs. Lower operating costs = higher profit. With the higher profit margin, funds to build a new hotel will be available sooner.

The guest room rate can also be kept at a compatible level and will attract more and more guest and therefore increase the guest night for the hotel.

If the operation makes good profit margins, the company is able to pay higher salaries. This will lead to more motivated employees towards hotel guest. When more funds for better employee training is available, it will definitely improve the service for the guests. And it could also result in less crew change, which will create a better employee attitude and working atmosphere.

In summary: With more money available to pay for salaries, employees will give their best to provide service to guests, who will increase the reputation of the hotel and therefore also returning and new guest will be checking in this hotel.

Do to an average occupancy rate of 80 to 90%, the hotel has no urgent needs to spend money on advertising.

-Benefits in number

- A. energy costs savings on natural gas \$98,000.00
- B. DDC wireless control (less maintenance labor) \$33,600.00

C. Guest Nights:

88 rooms ~ 65% guest nights (57.2 night/day)*

*average guest night for Location

Comfort Inn & Suites, 88 rooms ~ 85% guest nights (74.8 night/day)

with Swiss Solar Tech system

Difference ~ (17.6 night/day)

Guest night at \$117.00 per night x 17.6 days x 365 days

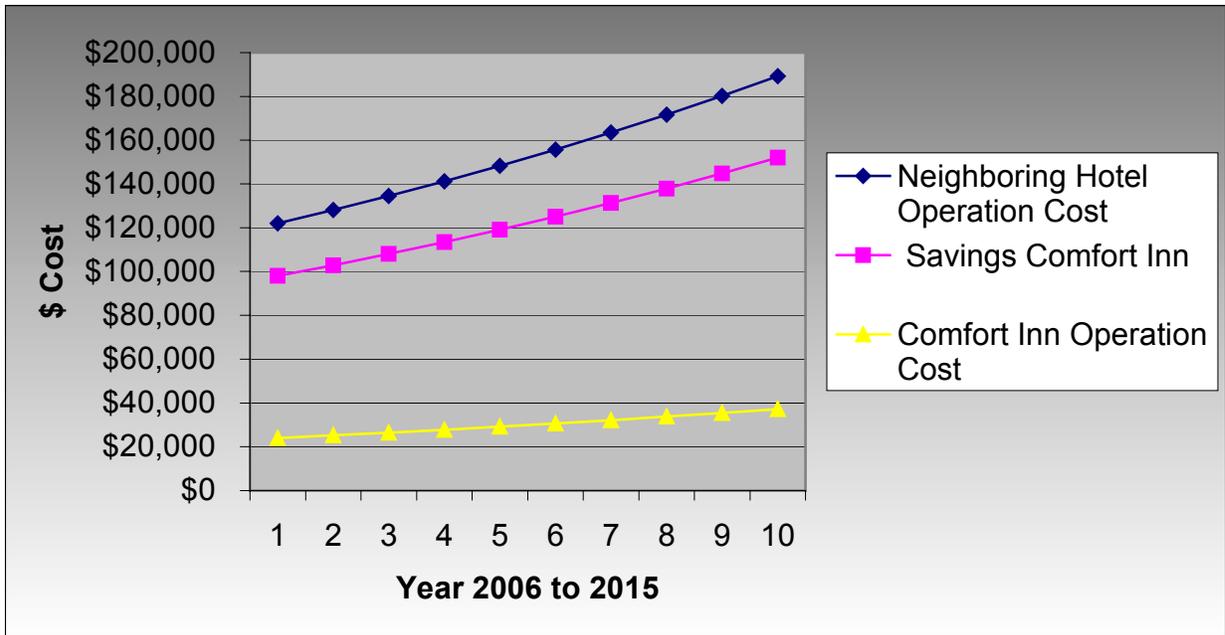
=\$751,608.00 x 22% profit margin = \$165,353.76

Total Cost Benefits A, B, and C are **\$296,953.76 per year ***

*As a direct result of implementing a GEOSOL hybrid system from Swiss Solar Tech Ltd.

This means nearly \$300,000 more profit every year!!!!

Hotels Profit over the next 5 years						
Year	1	2	3	4	5	Total
System Benefit \$	296,954	307,820	319,115	330,850	343,045	1,597,784



Annual Savings for the next 10 Years*										
Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Savings Comfort Inn \$	98,000	102,900	108,045	113,447	119,119	125,076	131,329	137,896	144,790	152,030

*This calculation was made with an Increase rate for energy costs of 5% per year

-Strategic advantages

Swiss Solar Tech is able to show another sample to approach all hotels in Canada and propose to install our solar/geothermal heat recovery system. Through the implementation of this system we have also gained recognition in the hotel industry by written or oral references provided by the owner of the Comfort Inn & Suites.

Also the hotel franchising company called Choice Hotels Canada provided a reference letter reflecting the leading edge technology of solar/geothermal heat recovery and what the impact and prestige of this means to a company such as Choice hotels who are one of the world leaders in the hospitality industry.



You are cordially invited to the Grand Opening of
Comfort Inn & Suites Red Deer

Please join us as we launch
 Canada's most energy
 efficient hotel.

**THURSDAY
 NOVEMBER 17, 05
 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**#6846 – 66 Street
 Red Deer, Alberta**

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March 1, 2007

Mr. Brad Gabrielson
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Dear Brad:

Re: Solar & Geothermal System

We have been very impressed with the solar & geothermal hybrid system in operation at your property in Red Deer Alberta. The Comfort Inn & Suites Red Deer certainly is a model for all hoteliers across Canada. Your efforts to minimize environmental issues are substantial, in addition to maximize efficiencies.

Your expected 70% savings on energy usage from the traditional energy sources is allowing your business to reinvest additional dollars within the property, to use on its employees, in exceeding customer's expectations, and/or to drive a healthy bottom line.

We look forward to seeing other hoteliers within the Choice Hotels system adopt the same efficiencies you have achieved. There has been significant interest expressed by developers to adopt a similar approach to ensure long term efficiencies allowing their hotel(s) to be more competitive in their respective markets.

In a time of environmental change around the world we are very pleased to have such a state of the art hotel in our system to serve as a model for others to follow. We look forward to seeing additional hotels adopt the same system in the coming years.

Regards,

Choice Hotels Canada Inc.

Jonas Melin
 Director, Franchise Services

IMPACT ON THE HOTEL

The impact on the hotel has been significant, especially in two areas:

- in financial gain, and
- in marketing the hotel to environment-friendly travelers.

Financially, the hotel has reduced its operating costs by \$24,745.00 per month.

At the same time, the hotel's achievement of eliminating 720 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually has caught the attention of potential guests and has improved hotel occupancy.

Marketing the hotel therefore became easier at the same time as the hotel's achievement increased public awareness of environmental business practices.

BROADER IMPACT:

ON THE HOTEL INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY

This project has helped the economy by continuing to be a showcase where other interested hotel owners can come and review the technology, and where they learn about both the operational system and the on-going cost savings, so that the system can be emulated in other communities. The Comfort Inn & Suites continues to demonstrate leadership by example.

ON THE BUILDING INDUSTRY, RELATED TRADES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Developers of new buildings are using the hotel's innovative system as a model for new development construction that will continue to drive additional business for several trades. It is a model of how to save energy costs, reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and benefit the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Comfort Inn & Suites hosts many educational tours through the building for organizations such as the Canadian Green Building Council and other engineering and mechanical refrigeration organizations.

An unexpected result of the growing interest in the project is that *residential* owners are now asking for smaller versions of this system for individual houses. This type of impact will bring about an ever-increasing business benefit for companies servicing this market in Canada.

If this technology is used to improve bottom-line income of a great number of hotels in Canada and even throughout North America, the impact of more such installations would be significant for future greenhouse gas emission reductions and significant to the environment.

Supporting Documentation: www.swissolartech.com

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this award.

Sincerely,

Roger Huber

Owner & CEO

Swiss Solar Tech Ltd.

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BUSINESS

Energy efficient hotel on cutting edge

BY LEA SMALDON
Red Deer Express

A \$7.7 million hotel under construction in the city's north end is expected to be the most energy efficient hotel ever built in Canada.

The Comfort Inn and Suites' environmentally-friendly design, including its use of solar power, puts it on the cutting edge of accommodation innovation, said Brad Gabrielson, principal owner of the 67 Street and Orr Drive hotel.

"From heating and cooling to mechanical, to the exterior, it will be the most energy efficient in all of Canada," said the Red Deer investor.

The 60 solar panels on the roof alone will save 520 tons of carbon dioxide from going into the air a year – the equivalent of the emissions of 115 cars.

"I've always been environmentally conscious. Now I can do my small part to protect the environment," said Gabrielson.

This is the first hotel development the city financial investor is undertaking.

"I really wanted to do something special for Alberta's centennial," he said.

Naming the hotel Centennial Inn "didn't appeal to me," he said, but adding another \$1.4 million to the original \$6.3 development cost to make it environmentally-friendly did.

Even though competition is heating up in the city's accommodation industry – five new hotels/motels have been approved for construction since last July – Gabrielson said he wasn't concerned about filling rooms once it's opened later this summer.

"The environmental aspect is a draw in itself," he said.

To satisfy the bank, numerous feasibility studies were conducted to prove the 88-room hotel's profitability, he said.

"The biggest advantage I have is the Comfort Inn name. It's very well recognized," he

said.

As well, Atlic Hotels and Resorts has been hired to professionally manage the project.

And, its location along 67 Street and high visibility from the Queen Elizabeth II Highway makes it very attractive to travellers, he said.

Aside from the near sound-proof rooms afforded through granite walls, guests may not physically notice how the building is "green."

But Gabrielson sure will, said Roger Huber of Swiss Solar Tech Ltd.

"He'll save thousands of dollars on energy costs," said

Huber.

Swiss Solar Tech is designing and installing the solar panels.

Typically, return on investment in solar panel systems is 20%, said Huber.

"No stock market will give you 20% or more," he added.

As well, the B.C.-based company is helping to troubleshoot the system that will convert solar and waste energy from the hotel's other systems to heat and cool the hotel, pool, waterslide and room jacuzzi.

In all, six companies have been retained to provide

expertise on the project.

The panels will be visible from the roof of the building and be tilted at such an angle as to collect the most possible amount of sunlight.

"In the end we want people to see this. We want people to know the owner has done his part. We don't want to hide this," said Troy Spelt, project manager for Camdon Construction Ltd., which is also working on the hotel.

"When people come down Hwy. 2, they'll see this and learn to ask questions," said Spelt.

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Photo by JEFF STOKOE/Advocate staff

Hotel solar power



Photo by JERRY GERLING/Advocate staff

Roger Huber, right, of Swiss Solar Tech Ltd. explains to site superintendent Pete Bouwsema how solar panels are being installed. The panels will supply the heat for the 88-suite hotel at 6846 66th St., including its swimming pool and whirlpool. The system, which includes heat pumps and water storage tanks, will also be used to cool the building. Brad Gabrielson, president of the developer Canadian Asset Management Inc., said the system added about \$1.4 million to the cost of the building. But he expects to recoup this through savings in energy costs in five to seven years. Using solar energy is also expected to prevent about 520 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year — the equivalent of that produced by 115 cars annually, said Gabrielson. The hotel is expected to open for business in mid-August and be fully operational by Sept. 1.

Solar wave of the future

BY LEA SMALDON

Red Deer Express

The use of solar energy to power commercial ventures and residential development is expected to become more mainstream in Red Deer in the near future, say city planners.

"I think what we're going to be seeing here is solar panels is the wave of the future," said Joyce Boon of the city's inspections and licensing department.

The city's municipal planning commission recently approved the addition of the solar energy conversion panels to the top of the Comfort Inn and Suites hotel under development in the city's north-west.

The system is expected to save the hotel's owners up to 20% on energy bills yearly.

"In the near future I can see more companies that would take advantage of the opportunity to try and save some operating dollars," said commission member Bev Hughes.

The commission has asked city administration to develop a comprehensive policy on development of the alternative energy products on building roofs in the city.

If their use "took-off," commission member Tony Lindhout said it could prove aesthetically challenging.

"There could be a large amount of solar panels in a particular location," he said. "Some will have flat roofs, sloped roofs, the heights of the buildings will be different, there's a lot to consider."

The Comfort Inn is not the first building in the city to employ the technology.

The Kerry Wood Nature Centre already uses solar panels to collect energy for powering the building.

Roger Huber, CEO of Swiss Solar Tech Ltd., said his company has designed and installed solar thermal systems on several hotels, ski resorts, and homes around the world.

"You're saving money, saving carbon dioxide, and giving the children a new life in the future," said Huber of the system's advantages.

The 102 solar panel system Swiss Solar erected on the Best Western in Kelowna, B.C. is expected to save owners \$602,500 over 10 years in energy bills.

The payback on the system ranges from three to 12 years, said Huber.

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Comfort Inn will be 'friendly green' hotel

Solar power system approved

By HARLEY RICHARDS
Advocate business editor

Brad Gabrielson describes it as his centennial project.

But the benefits of incorporating solar energy into the new Comfort Inn and Suites should continue well past Alberta's 100th birthday.

On Monday, the president of Canadian Asset Management Inc. won approval from Red Deer's municipal planning commission to add solar equipment to the company's hotel, which is being built at 6846 66th St.

In addition to about 60 solar panels on the four-storey building's roof, the system will include high-efficient heat pumps and water storage tanks.

Sufficient hot water will be generated to satisfy the needs of the hotel, including its swimming pool and whirlpool.

The system will also be used to heat and cool the building and its 88 suites.

Gabrielson told the commission the result will be "one of the most energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly green hotels ever built in Canada, if not North America."

Roger Huber is CEO of Summerland, B.C.-based Swiss Solar Tech Ltd., which is spearheading the project.

He said the Comfort Inn's solar en-



Photo by JEFF STOKOE/Advocate staff

Roger Huber, left, of Swiss Solar Tech Ltd., and Comfort Inn and Suites owner Brad Gabrielson look over a blueprint at the hotel site in Red Deer on Monday.

ergy system should avoid about 520 tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year — an amount equal to that produced by 115 cars.

The system will increase the cost of the hotel by about \$1.4 million, said Gabrielson.

But he expects to recoup this through reduced energy needs in five to seven years.

Gabrielson and Huber told the commission the glycol used in the

system will not pose a threat to the environment.

"You can drink the glycol," said Huber, adding that the liquid will flow through a closed system entirely above ground.

Commission member Tony Lindhout asked if the solar panels — which will extend about a metre past the parapet — could be lowered to make them less conspicuous.

Troy Spelt, project manager with

Camdon Construction, said the panels will be on the backside of the hotel, facing southwest.

Although visible from nearby Hwy 2, they should blend in with the building's black shingles, he said.

Spelt added that the panels' height and position are important for their efficient operation.

"We tried to lower the solar panels as much as possible. That's as low as we can go."

Commission members congratulated Gabrielson on his solar initiative.

"From my recollection, this is the first application of its type that we've considered at MPC," said city manager Norbert Van Wyk.

Huber, who has been active in the solar industry for more than 25 years, said he has installed some 900 systems around the world.

His specialty is commercial projects like hotels and motels, of which he has done close to a dozen in Canada.

But these have all been retrofits, he said, whereas the Comfort Inn is still under construction.

That should make the work easier and cheaper.

In addition to Swiss Solar Tech, Gabrielson credited Camdon Construction, Civic Mechanical, Cognidyn Engineering and Design, Bearden Engineering Consultants and Digital Direct Controls and Systems.

He said work on Comfort Inn and Suites should be completed between the end of July and early September.