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## **McGUINTY GOVERNMENT APPLAUDS INCO PLAN TO CUT EMISSIONS** *Actions Show That Ontario Industries Are Showing Environmental Leadership*

TORONTO— Environment Minister Laurel Broten today applauded Inco for announcing a major investment in pollution control technology.

“Cleaner air for a healthier Ontario is our first priority,” added Broten. “Inco is a valuable partner in our efforts to reduce industrial air emissions and protect the health of the people of this province.”

Today, Inco announced it would commission a facility that will reduce its emissions of sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) by 34 per cent from the current regulatory limit. SO<sub>2</sub> is a component of smog and contributes to the formation of acid rain.

The new Inco facility will use new fluid bed roaster (FBR) off-gas scrubbing technology. The initiative will lower Inco’s SO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 90 kilotonnes annually and decrease its emissions of harmful substances such as copper, arsenic and lead.

“Inco is showing innovation and leadership by using new technology to reduce its air emissions,” said Broten. “It is another example of how Ontario’s industry sector is working with us to protect the environment and the health of our citizens.”

The McGuinty government is protecting Ontarians’ health and the environment. Initiatives include:

- A plan to include an average of five per cent ethanol in gasoline that takes effect January 1, 2007. Ontario’s ethanol-in-gasoline regulation will reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by about 800,000 tonnes, equivalent to removing 200,000 cars from the road.
- Contracts for 1,300 megawatts of wind power – enough power for 300,000 homes.
- Bringing together environmental, health, government and corporate leaders from around the world for the second annual Shared Air Summit on June 26 to build a strategy on how to reduce the impacts of transboundary air pollution.

For more information on this year’s Shared Air Summit, please visit [www.sharedair.ca](http://www.sharedair.ca).

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