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## **RENEWABLE ENERGY COULD POWER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY**

### **New Documentary, *Hope for a Change*, Presents a Hopeful Message among all the Environmental and Economic Doom and Gloom**

TORONTO, CANADA (December 17, 2008) - Toronto-based documentary producer John Wilson announced the release of his new 60-minute documentary today, *Hope for a Change*, which is available exclusively from his web site [hopeforachange.net](http://hopeforachange.net). Wilson says his documentary “presents a refreshingly hopeful message for the future” that if Canada followed a model employed in Germany, it would be the first country to be 100% powered by renewable energy (such as hydro, wind and solar). At the same time 250,000 new jobs would be created while allowing Canada to meet its climate change commitments.

To prove it, Wilson’s documentary features a variety of experts on the subject. Dr. David Suzuki, a world-renowned scientist and environmentalist, opens the documentary by proclaiming that we are in a “great turning” period in history in which there is a “fundamental shift in the way we live on this planet” taking place, and which is taking us towards a new model of sustaining life with renewable energy sources.

Dr. Hermann Scheer, a member of the German parliament who successfully led the fight for the Renewable Energy Act in Germany, explains that Canada could build a sustainable economy based on 100% renewable energy within five years. The knowledge and technology are available today, and “nothing can be implemented faster than renewable energies”.

The real problem today lies in resistance from the “conventional power players” who have a vested interest in keeping things the way they are, but Canada could learn from what Germany has achieved with the Renewable Energy Act which provides the legal basis and economic incentive for this transformation. Scheer concludes by saying we can “win the future”, and at the same time, give people hope with a proven plan that can address the current environmental and economic crisis. It’s all possible today and it’s just a matter of “getting the information and the recognition of the real alternative” out to the public.

Wilson himself is living proof of his hopeful message as the owner of an award-winning solar & wind powered, straw bale, and green roofed sustainable home which is the subject of his 2004 documentary *Natural Living*. In 2006, Wilson released the popular YouTube video *The Solar Village* that featured residents of Freiburg Germany providing guided tours of their solar homes, wind power parks, and zero emissions factories all, as it turned out, made possible by the Renewable Energy Act created by Dr. Hermann Scheer.

The DVD can be ordered directly from [hopeforachange.net](http://hopeforachange.net) for \$15 which includes shipping and handling. Wilson wants to get the message out so he has said that anyone who purchases the DVD may publicly present the documentary and retain the proceeds.

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If you’d like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with John Wilson, please call Leigh Geraghty at 416-648-6601 or email Leigh at [leigh.geraghty@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.geraghty@gmail.com). A full media kit with bio, digital photos, synopsis, FAQ and video trailer is available at [hopeforachange.net](http://hopeforachange.net).