

Title: New Chairman Kevin Hydes to LEED the USGBC Board.

Author: Samantha Shah

Source: Keen Engineering

Date Written: 04/30/05

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Samantha Shah, 604.983.4125, samantha.shah@keen.ca

### **New Chairman Kevin Hydes to Lead the USGBC Board**

Kevin R. Hydes, president of Keen Engineering, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of the US Green Building Council (USGBC) effective 2005. Kevin has been actively involved with the USGBC since its early stages and has served on the board since 2003. Kevin is also the co-founder of the CaGBC and has been an active member of the Canadian Board since its inception.

The U.S. Green Building Council is the nation's leading coalition of corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations working together to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. Since its founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 5,500 member companies and organizations, a 55-person professional staff, a broad portfolio of LEED® products and services, the industry's popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo, and a network of 67 local chapters, affiliates and organizing groups.

Under Kevin's guidance, Keen engineering transformed from a regional force to a North American leader in sustainable design. The sustainable seeds first planted in the early 1990s have rapidly blossomed into the company's guiding philosophy.

Keen is a pioneer in the field of green engineering, sporting a LEED roster that involves 9 certified projects in total, including 4 Gold and 4 Silver. Green ideas have become contagious, raising Keen's list of registered projects to more than 40 with many more underway. Committed to preserving the planet one building at a time, Keen strives to uncover sustainable solutions for every building project that meet or exceed the client's objectives.

Kevin's unwavering commitment to promoting green engineering is evidenced by the Keen team including 163 LEED Accredited Professionals and counting – more than any other similar sized firm. Keen's vision of helping to create a sustainable planet is quickly becoming a reality as more clients are taking the first step on the road to sustainability.

Kevin has directed Keen's rapid expansion to include five new offices over eight years. As chairman for the USGBC, Kevin will apply the same leadership and vision to guide the Board of Directors to the next level.

Kevin is honored to serve on the Board of the USGBC and its 6000 member firms as they band together to move towards the Market Transformation of the Built Environment.