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ENTERPRISEWORKS/VITA RECEIVES AWARD FOR THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF COOKSTOVES IN GHANA

Washington, DC – EnterpriseWorks/VITA (EWW) today announced that the Shell Foundation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), presented EnterpriseWorks/VITA with the Commercialization Award at the 3rd Biennial Partnership for Clean Indoor Air (PCIA) Forum in Bangalore, India, sponsored by the EPA. The award is *“In Appreciation and Recognition of Creating a Sustainable Commercial Supply Chain for Increasing the Use of Clean and Efficient Cookstoves in Ghana”* and for *“Improving Peoples’ Health, Livelihood & Quality of Life by Reducing Indoor Air Pollution.”*

“EnterpriseWorks/VITA is deeply gratified to receive this distinguished award for its innovative work in commercialization of cookstoves in Ghana,” said Don Feil, President and CEO of EWW. “The award is not only recognition of our Ghana project, but an acknowledgment of EWW’s highly successful market based approach to sustainable development.”

Since 2002, with USAID and Shell Foundation funding, EWW’s Clean Energy for Household Cooking project in Ghana has focused on the manufacture and commercialization of consumer-oriented designed stoves that reduce indoor air pollution, use less fuel, last longer and are safer than traditional stoves. Improved, high-efficiency cookstoves that burn less fuel provide tremendous socioeconomic, environmental, and health benefits to stove users and their communities. Additionally, EWW’s stove program in Ghana has increased employment throughout the stoves value chain, creating jobs for metal workers, ceramists, and retailers.



EWW’s Don Feil (left) with Kurt Hoffman,
Director of Shell Foundation

For over 40 years, EnterpriseWorks/VITA has worked diligently to fulfill its mission to combat poverty by helping small producers and other entrepreneurs build sustainable businesses that create jobs and increase productivity, market opportunities and incomes. EWW achieves this by expanding access to appropriate technologies, technical assistance, knowledge and finance.

EWV maintains a close-knit network of 21 field and affiliate offices in Africa and Asia – enabling substantial knowledge sharing and collaboration across countries and regions.

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