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### OTTAWA AREA HOME DESIGNER EARNS TWO NOMINATIONS IN 2008 CHBA NATIONAL SAM AWARDS

**OTTAWA - December 8, 2008** - Chuck Mills Residential Design & Development Inc. has earned countrywide recognition among the finalists at the upcoming Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) National SAM Awards.

The CHBA National SAM Awards celebrate excellence in new homes and renovation design, innovative technology and construction techniques, outstanding presentation, and marketing activities across Canada. The Association received a record number of entries for this year's award show, which is presented by American Standard Brands and Trane Canada.

Mills' work was honoured in two Home Renovation categories -- in both the "Kitchen" and "Any Room " categories.

Sharing the nomination with Mills for "Best Kitchen" is Guy Moffitt of GSM Construction & Design Inc. The stunning Mission Style-inspired kitchen was created for the clients who have a love of that architectural style and wanted it reflected in the Kitchen of their modest (30-year old) two-storey home on MontaVista Avenue in Ottawa's west end.

With the "Any Room" (Bathroom) nomination, Mills worked alongside Steve Barkhouse of Amsted Design Build. The room in question was a new Ensuite bathroom fashioned for an older home on Denbury Avenue in the McKellar Park neighbourhood of Ottawa – an intimate sanctuary flooded with natural light, and whose quality comes through in the details has already won a "Best Custom Bathroom" award at the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association Housing design awards held last month.

Besides being a familiar face at the local Ottawa Home Builders Association award ceremonies, Chuck Mills has won previously on both the provincial and national levels.

"We're pleased that we got that nod from the CHBA this year not just once, but twice," says Mills, the architectural technologist who owns and operates the design firm. "It's always an honour not to just receive an award but to share it. In both cases, our clients were a real pleasure to work with, and our construction partners have once again excelled in transforming the blueprints into reality."

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Twenty-three CHBA National SAM Awards will be presented at the Association's 66th National Conference on February 28, 2009 in Québec City. A listing of all of the National SAM Award Finalists and breakdown of the individual categories can be found at <http://www.chba.ca/AboutCHBA/2008/12052008.php>.

Chuck Mills Residential Design & Development Inc was founded in 1994. The company specializes in upper end new home construction and renovations. While the majority of the firm's work is done across Ontario, Mills' home designs have also been built in international locations including Germany, Russia and Japan.

The Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) is the voice of the residential construction industry in Canada representing more than 8,300 member firms across Canada. Membership comprises new homebuilders, renovators, developers, trade contractors, building material manufacturers and suppliers, lenders and other professionals in the housing sector.

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