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The Dirty Dozen: TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup releases list of top shoreline litter

VANCOUVER—October 20, 2008 — This year over 63,000 Canadians registered for the 15th annual TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup to recover garbage from more than 1,500 shoreline and waterway sites. The national week-long conservation program ran from September 20-28, 2008 with dozens of public cleanup events organized by groups including Vancouver Aquarium, TD Bank Financial Group, WWF-Canada, Environment Canada's Biosphère, Biodôme, Parc Aquarium du Quebec, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and the Dalhousie Student Union.

With approximately 50 per cent of the data collected from the cleanups already reported, the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup today released its "Dirty Dozen" list of the most common shoreline litter recovered during this year's cleanup:

1. Cigarette Butts and Filters
2. Food Wrappers/Containers
3. Caps, Lids
4. Beverage Cans
5. Cups, Plates, Forks, Knives, Spoons
6. Plastic Beverage Bottles (2 litres or less)
7. Glass Beverage Bottles
8. Straws, Stir Sticks
9. Plastic Bags
10. Rope
11. Tobacco Packaging/Wrappers
12. Building Materials

"More than two-thirds of shoreline litter originates from land-based sources," says Angela Griffiths, Director, Conservation and Environmental Affairs, Vancouver Aquarium. "Through communities coming together to maintain and clean their own shorelines, the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup has made an important impact by preventing over 100,000 kilograms of litter from making its way into our waterways. Thank you, Canada!"

"We're thrilled with this year's turnout of more than 60,000 volunteers – including nearly 8,000 TD employees – for our annual shoreline cleanup," says Mary Desjardins, Executive Director of founding sponsor TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. "The TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup has experienced phenomenal growth over the last few years and we're really proud of the difference we're making together."

About the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

TD Bank Financial Group has been a proud sponsor of the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, a Vancouver Aquarium conservation program, through its TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for more than 12 years. The Cleanup began in 1994 as a small beach cleanup with four employees from the Vancouver Aquarium who wanted to participate in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. A record-breaking 63,000 Canadians registered for the 15th annual TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup and from September 20-28, 2008 recovered garbage from over 1,500 sites coast to coast.

About the Vancouver Aquarium:

The Vancouver Aquarium is a self-supporting, non-profit association dedicated to effecting the conservation of aquatic life through display and interpretation, conservation practices, education, research, and direct action.

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