

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Ray Roussy's Sonic Drilling Technology Wins Third Award

Canada – The National Ground Water Association (NGWA), a nonprofit organization composed of U.S. and international groundwater professionals, recently announced that Ray Roussy, PE, president of the Sonic Drill Corporation and Sonic Drilling Ltd., has won its 2012 Technology Award.

This award recognizes an individual's major contributions to the groundwater industry in the development of ideas, tools, and/or equipment. The award will be presented in December at the NGWA Groundwater Expo and annual meeting in Las Vegas.

The award is the third in as many years for Roussy's remarkable patented sonic drilling technology. In 2008, Roussy was recognized by the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition, supported by Natural Resources Canada (a federal government ministry), with its prestigious award for "best new drilling technology" and a \$10,000 prize. Then, in 2010, Roussy accepted a coveted Manning Innovation Award and a \$10,000 prize for his development of modern sonic drilling technology.



"I'm delighted to win this third award from such a respected organization as the NGWA," says Roussy. "After spending more than 30 years on sonic drilling technology, I can't express how much I appreciate seeing the technology being recognized by my peers for what it can do."

Roussy holds numerous patents on his engineering successes with both sonic drilling technology and, more recently, on using a sonic drill to install geothermal loops. Today, around the world, his sonic drill rigs, manufactured by the Sonic Drill Corporation, have become world leaders in environmental investigations, mineral exploration and geothermal drilling (and other applications).

"The sonic drill has so many advantages – it can drill 3-5 times faster and provide continuous core samples of overburden material," explains Roussy. "The sonic drill ultimately provides advantages that translate into profit for the industry. It's been my life's work to bring this technology to the marketplace."