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# TENREHTE ENGINEER RECOGNIZED BY UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA

Carlos BARRIOS, Engineer with high tech startup Tenrehte Technologies presented Ambassador's Certificate of Excellence!

ROCHESTER, NY USA – March 09, 2010 – Tenrehte Technologies, a leading producer of smart grid wireless devices, is pleased to announce that Senior Engineer Carlos Antonio BARRIOS has been presented with the Ambassador's Certificate of Excellence. Carlos was recognized for his work in the development of Tenrehte's PICOwatt<sup>TM</sup> smart plug and specifically that Tenrehte's PICOwatt<sup>TM</sup> was selected as **Best of CES 2010** in the **Green Products** category.

In a ceremony held at the Embassy of the United States of America in San José, Costa Rica, Anne Slaughter Andrew, the United States Ambassador to Costa Rica, officially presented the certificate to Carlos. Joining Carlos at the ceremony from Tenrehte was Jennifer Indovina, CEO, and Mark Indovina, COO. In attendance from the Embassy was Peter M. Brennan, the Chargé d'Affaires, Bryan Smith, Commercial Counselor, Jennifer Nehez, Cultural Attaché, and Ligia Alpizar, Director, Information Resource Center.

"We are absolutely thrilled for Carlos to be recognized by the United States Ambassador to Costa Rica," said Mark Indovina, COO of Tenrehte. "As a 'Tico', it is a great honor for Carlos to be recognized by the Ambassador. Given the fact that Costa Rica aims to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Carbon-Neutral country, Costa Rica is an important market for Tenrehte's PICOwatt™ smart plug. With over 80 percent of Costa Rica's energy already generated through renewable sources, such as hydro and wind, energy conservation, though devices

such as PICOwatt<sup>TM</sup>, is key to achieving this goal. It's truly an honor for Tenrehte to have a Carlos as part of the engineering team that developed PICOwatt<sup>TM</sup>."

## **About Anne Slaughter Andrew**

On December 24, 2009, the Senate unanimously confirmed Anne Slaughter Andrew as the United States Ambassador to Costa Rica. Before entering public service, Ambassador Andrew was the Principal of New Energy Nexus, LLC and advised companies and entrepreneurs on investments and strategies to capitalize on the New Energy Economy.

Over the last 25 years, Ambassador Andrew successfully advised companies in her corporate environmental/energy law practice, serving as Co-Chair of the Environment/Energy Team at Baker & Daniels (1996-2000), a leading Midwestern Law Firm, and joining as a partner at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Patton & Boggs (2001-2003). In addition, Ambassador Andrew co-founded a medical bio-tech consulting company, Anson Group LLC and, as an owner and Director from 2004-2007, co-led the organization towards sustained growth and national recognition.

Anne Slaughter Andrew is actively engaged with conservation and environmental organizations, at the State and National level, including The Sierra Club and the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation. Ambassador Andrew has worked with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) since 1995, serving as an Indiana Trustee, and a member of the President's National Advisory Council. Ms. Andrew also served from 2001-2002 as Special Counsel and Director for TNC in Arlington, Virginia.

Ambassador Andrew graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Arts and received her Juris Doctorate from Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, where she served as Editor-In-Chief of the Indiana Law Review. From 1997 to 1999, Ms. Andrew was Adjunct Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis. She has also been published, specifically on issues concerning the environment in journals such as the Indianapolis Business Journal and the American Bar Association.

Ms. Andrew is from Indiana and in recent years has been living in Potomac, Maryland. She is married to Joe Andrew and they have two children.

#### **About Carlos Antonio BARRIOS**

Carlos has an extensive engineering background in startup companies. He has worked in large international teams in a corporate setting and has broad experience in new product development. Carlos is currently a Senior Engineer at Tenrehte Technologies, Inc., a startup company that has developed a Smart Grid ready smart plug, PICOwatt<sup>TM</sup>, and other technologies geared for efficient use of energy. PICOwatt<sup>TM</sup> has won prestigious awards at world consumer shows such as CES in Las Vegas.

Before joining Tenrehte, Carlos was an Engineer for Vivace Semiconductor where he designed hardware for emulation and prototyping of SOC's, and ultimately ported an entire SOC platform to 2 Xilinx FPGA's. He also wrote software applications for hardware verification that were used during simulations in VCS, execution on the FPGA prototype and finally on the SOC prototype chip and it's companion development board.

Prior to joining Vivace, Carlos was an Engineer for Improv Systems, a Digital Signal Processor IP startup, where he developed, optimized and tested software applications and companion

hardware blocks used for encoding and decoding of various types of media such as video and still images. A custom DSP platform was used to run applications. This work resulted in one (pending) patent submission.

Carlos graduated "summa cum laude" with both a BS and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology.

#### **About Tenrehte**

Tenrehte Technologies, Inc. produces solutions to enable wireless connectivity in smart grid devices, ultimately improving people's lives and saving them money. Tenrehte creates products that will empower consumers to take a more active role in the grid, eliminate wasted energy costs and reduce their carbon footprint. The company is headquartered in Rochester, NY USA and has an R&D center in Austin, TX USA. More information can be found at www.tenrehte.com.

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