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**Viroment CEO, Paul Koenig, Given Entrepreneurship Award from University of St. Thomas**  
Award continues University's emphasis on Social Entrepreneurship

(December 28, 2015) – Paul Koenig, CEO of Viroment Inc. was recently awarded The Entrepreneur award from the University of St. Thomas, recognizing the growing success of Viroment's wastewater processing technology. The award comes on the heels of Viroment's first place National Water Prize win at the Cleantech Open Global Cleantech Forum in San Francisco, an internationally respected business and innovation competition.

“This recognition from the University of St. Thomas means a great deal to me. Many of the people that have been champions for my success are tied to this school, which makes this all the more meaningful,” said Koenig, “There is a lot of exceptional ideas being brought to life at the University of St. Thomas. Receiving this is a great testament to Viroment's potential.”

The University of St. Thomas recently stepped up as organizers of the Cleantech Open Midwest, the regional branch of the Cleantech Open, a competition that aims to support and develop small companies in the clean and sustainable technology industries. This is in line with the University's strong emerging emphasis on social entrepreneurship and engaging with the business community to be a force of positive change from the community to global level.

“Viroment's ability to solve issues facing industrial and municipal waste is turning it into a much sought-after startup,” said Steven Webster, managing director of the University of St. Thomas Center for Social Entrepreneurship, which operates the Cleantech Open Midwest. “We need more people to create companies like this that benefit the common good, while building sustainable business models, something we preach here at St. Thomas and in the Cleantech Open.”

Viroment's proprietary technology creates a closed-loop wastewater processing cycle, producing valuable reuse water and multiuse bio-cake out of municipal and industrial sludge. The process results in decreased wastewater processing operating expenses, lower regulatory and disposal costs and a significantly reduced impact on the environment when compared to traditional treatment methods.

For more information, please visit Viroment's website at [www.viroment.com](http://www.viroment.com).

**About Viroment:**

Viroment provides a unique vacuum drum drying wastewater treatment system to help municipal and industrial wastewater facilities meet their mandated sludge disposal requirements. Their technology significantly reduces sludge handling fees, with reduced environmental impact and regulatory costs.

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