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NEI Chief Investment Officer John Bai Named to Clean50 List *CIO recognized for his commitment to sustainability and responsible investing in Canada*

TORONTO, October 25, 2022 – NEI Investments (“NEI”), an asset manager with a longstanding commitment to responsible investing and a wholly owned subsidiary of Aviso Wealth, announced that John Bai, SVP and Chief Investment Officer (CIO), has been recognized as one of Canada’s Clean50 for 2023. John is named for his contributions to advancing responsible investing in Canada since joining NEI in May 2019.

The Clean50 Awards recognize Canada’s sustainability leaders, ranging from academics to entrepreneurs to business leaders. It names 50 individuals who are working towards a cleaner, more sustainable, low-carbon economy, and brings them together to share ideas and accelerate collaboration.

“It’s extremely meaningful for the work that NEI has been doing to increase the availability and quality of responsible investment funds for investors to be recognized as a member of the Clean50,” said John Bai. “This really is testament to the quality of the team we have at NEI.”

“The investment industry has a necessary role to play in influencing the behaviour of companies, advisors and investors to achieve our collective climate goals, and I look for every opportunity to contribute within my expertise and capacity,” Bai added.

John and the entire team at NEI led the transition of NEI’s fund lineup, making significant progress towards the goal of 100% responsible investment mandates in less than three years. He and the team at NEI also oversaw the creation of NEI’s suite of four impact funds – the first of its kind in Canada – giving Canadians the opportunity to make a measurable difference on society and the environment.

In addition to the Individual Awards, each year the Clean50 recognizes Canada’s leaders in sustainability in four other categories: Top Projects, Emerging Leaders (for individuals under 35 years old), and a Lifetime Achievement Award. More information including a list of all award winners for this and prior years [here](#).

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NEI Investments is a Canadian asset manager specializing in responsible investing, with over C\$10 billion under management. With over 35 years of firm experience, NEI is committed to providing Canadian investors with a broad range of responsible investment solutions. The company delivers disciplined, active asset management with a focus on environmental, social,



and governance (ESG) factors. NEI Investments also manages and operates a proprietary active ownership program and has been a signatory of the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment for more than 15 years. NEI Investments is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aviso Wealth.

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