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Association of Canadian Port Authorities Welcomes New Chair

Mario Girard, CEO of the Port of Quebec, will lead ACPA Board of Directors for 2015/16

MONTREAL, Que. — As it continues to push the limits of modern logistics, the Association of Canadian Port Authorities is turning to Mario Girard to lead the way.

Girard, President and CEO of the Port of Quebec, was selected as incoming Chair of the ACPA Board of Directors for the next year Tuesday morning at the association’s Annual General Meeting at the Westin Montreal.

“With several international trade agreements completed and currently being negotiated, this is an exciting time for Canadian ports,” says Girard. “As key players in the supply chain and drivers of economic growth, our ports will continue to push the limits to help Canada prosper within this age of expanding global trade.”

The ACPA Board also welcomes Donna Taylor, President and CEO of the Port of Oshawa, as incoming Vice Chair and Sean Hanrahan, President and CEO of the Port of St. John’s, as Corporate Secretary/Treasurer.

Rounding out the complement of eight ACPA Board members are:

- Bernie Dumas (Nanaimo)
- Don Krusel (Prince Rupert)
- Carl Laberge (Saguenay)
- Robin Silvester (Vancouver)
- Sylvie Vachon (Montreal)

“The Association of Canadian Port Authorities is only as strong as its members, and we are fortunate to have good leaders who are not only knowledgeable about Canada’s ports, but are also passionate about our growing importance in efficient logistics,” says Wendy Zatylny, President of ACPA. "With his entrepreneur background, Mr. Girard will continue to help us grow and adapt to build Canada into a global leader in marine trade and transport.”

The full agenda for ACPA’S annual conference, which runs until Thursday morning, can be found at acpa2015.ca. Follow the Association of Canadian Port Authorities Annual Conference on Twitter @MTLACPA2015. For more information, please visit acpa2015.ca.

About the Association of Canadian Port Authorities:

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities was founded in 1958 and groups together ports and related marine interests into one national association. ACPA represents all Canadian Port Authorities, various government entities and companies doing business in the marine sector. It is the leading Association for the advocacy and advancement of the Canadian Port Industry. ACPA members contribute significantly to the local, regional and national economy of Canada,
responsible for more than 250,000 direct and indirect jobs and handling more than $400 billion worth of goods annually.

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