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## SEPT-ILES PORT AUTHORITY TO HOST 53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN AUGUST

OTTAWA, Ontario, April 7, 2011 - The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities will be held in Sept-Iles from August 6 - 10, 2011. "All are looking forward to this year's annual conference in a place few are fortunate to visit," commented Bruce Wood, President and CEO of the Hamilton Port Authority, and Chair of the Association. This year's Conference theme, *Ports - Linking Natural Resources to Canada's Prosperity*, speaks to the importance of moving bulk cargo throughout Canada. On the North Shore of Quebec, the Sept-Iles Port Authority is the catalyst for the tremendous growth and investment by the mining sector with billions in economic impact for the region. The conference will look at how the presence of critical infrastructure like a port can help create new opportunities and economic wealth.

Canada's major ports had improved performance in 2010 with many experiencing double-digit growth following the 2009 economic recession. "Things are looking up for Canada's port community as we see record years from some of our ports and impressive plans for future investment and growth across the country," commented Mr. Wood. This year's Annual Conference will look at some of the driving forces that impact port developments in Canada with a special emphasis on the movement of bulk commodities around the world.

The conference will also provide an excellent networking opportunity for Association members and others in Canada's burgeoning port sector. "We are all looking forward to visiting a beautiful part of Canada and seeing firsthand how one of Canada premiere bulk commodity ports does its business," said Mr. Wood.

Our hosts in Sept-Iles are planning an impressive social program that will show off the rich heritage of the North Shore of Quebec.

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