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THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUES EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A GREEN AWARD PROGRAM FOR CANADA

The Association has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Weir Marine Engineering to work on the development of a Green Award Program for Canada. Weir Canada is the firm contracted by Transport Canada to collect data for the eventual development of a Green Award program for the country. Transport Canada has requested the support of the Association given that its members are best positioned to assist Weir in the collection of relevant data and provide the ongoing collaboration needed for development of a practical Green Award Program. “The Association has always recognized the need to collaborate with partners in both the public and private sectors to advance important initiatives such as the creation of a Green Award for Canada,” commented Sean Hanrahan, President and CEO of the St. John’s Port Authority and this year’s Chair of the ACPA.

The signing of this MOU follows on the heels of an MOU signed with the European-based Green Award Foundation. That MOU was done to ensure that the Association followed existing best practices internationally as it works toward the development of a Green Award for Canada. “We believe that we have partnered with the right national marine Association as we move forward to fulfill our mandate with Transport Canada on this first step toward the development of a Green Award,” said Maher Hanna of Weir Canada. The Memorandum is an agreement between the parties intended to provide the basis for collaboration to investigate the feasibility of a Green Award Program and encourage the eventual implementation of the program in the Canadian port community.

The Collaboration between the parties seeks to encourage the Canadian Government to create incentives to promote the implementation of the Green Award Program in a way

that it can be sustained and enhanced over the long term for the benefit of Canada and Canadians.

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The Association of Canadian Port Authorities was founded in 1958 and groups together ports and harbours and related marine interests into one, national association. The ACPA represents all Canada Port Authorities, various government entities and companies doing business in the marine sector. The ACPA is the pre-eminent Association for the advocacy and advancement of the Canadian Port Industry. ACPA members contribute greatly to the local, regional and national economy of Canada with over \$120 billion worth of goods handled annually.