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CANADA PORTS GROUP CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

OTTAWA, ON June 10, 2009 – The Association of Canadian Port Authorities has joined other marine-related Associations and corporations as part of Green Marine. Gaetan Boivin, President and CEO of the Trois-Rivieres Port Authority and this year’s Chair of the Association commented that Port Authorities have always taken their environmental stewardship role very seriously and supporting the efforts of Green Marine is one more example of that fact.” Port Authorities are concerned not only with Green House Gas (GHG) emissions from ships, but emissions and other pollutants caused by landside activities in the movement of freight and people. Landside emissions from vehicles and other activities constitute the largest portion of GHG emissions.

Created in October 2007, Green Marine is the St. Lawrence – Great Lakes maritime industry’s partner for a sustainable future in both Canada and the United States. Its primary objective is to strengthen the industry’s environmental performance through a process of continuous improvement.

Currently, Green Marine membership includes 45 participants in its environmental policy, 21 partners and 24 supporters. Boivin says, “We will do what we can to advance the objectives of Green Marine and other environmental initiatives that advance the cause of environmental sustainability in transportation. Port Authorities have embraced this approach given the social license Port Authorities have to operate in the communities they serve.”

For more information on Green Marine, visit the site www.green-marine.org.

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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 leading 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 \$142 billion worth of goods handled annually.