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## **ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PORT AUTHORITIES L' ASSOCIATION DES ADMINISTRATIONS PORTUAIRES CANADIENNES**

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### **PORT COMMUNITY FOCUSES ON FEDERAL FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) will hold its annual Port/Government Interface at the Delta Ottawa Hotel on May 11 & 12, 2009. Gaétan Boivin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Trois-Rivières Port Authority and Chair of ACPA stated that, “the Association’s number one priority is federal funding for port-related infrastructure because port capacity is essential to sustain freight movement in important trade corridors across the country.” He went on to point out that the many Port Authorities have plans in place to move forward and upgrade their respective infrastructure to deal with more than \$140 billion in cargo handled by the 17 Port Authorities annually.

In addition to federal funding programs, this year’s Interface will also look at important issues including the state of Canada’s transportation security initiatives; the future of Canada’s trade corridor policy and related initiatives; and a general look at various regulations and issues that impact the marine sector in Canada.

As part of this year’s Interface the Association will host a reception on Parliament Hill to meet new Members of Parliament and their staffs. Mr. Boivin commented that, “It is always important to meet with key federal decision-makers and exchange ideas and look at ways of working together toward a more prosperous future in the port community and maritime transportation in general.” This year’s event is structured to meet this key objective.

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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 \$141 billion worth of goods handled annually.

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