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PORT COMMUNITY AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADDRESS PRESENT AND FUTURE PORT CHALLENGES

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) will hold its annual *Port/Government Interface* at the Delta Ottawa Hotel & Suites on May 4 and 5, 2010. Tim Heney, President and Chief Executive Officer, Thunder Bay Port Authority and Chair of ACPA stated that, “The Association continues working with key stakeholders and the federal government is certainly prime among them in terms of the many federal policies and programs that impact us all in the port community across Canada.” The way in which the Association works with governments on critical trade and commerce issues will determine how we prepare for continued trade growth in future. This trade represents 40 percent of Canada’s Gross Domestic Product. Canada Port Authorities handle over \$162 billion in cargo amounting to a quarter of Canada’s trade.

This year’s Interface will look at important issues including: investment in infrastructure; initiatives by the various regional gateway councils; the future of Canada’s trade corridor policy; the rail service review; critical infrastructure protection; new environmental initiatives; international trade policy; and a general look at various regulations, initiatives and issues that impact the maritime sector in Canada.

Mr. Heney went on to say that, “Canada’s major ports have much work to do to look at how we prepare for the projected double-digit growth in trade over the next 20 years and ports will need partners to support the massive investments that will be needed.” This year’s Interface will provide an excellent opportunity for all in the port community to engage in productive dialogue and network with like-minded individuals about how we

come together to advance trade and commerce for the benefit of 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 \$162 billion worth of goods handled annually.

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