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NEW MINISTER OF TRANSPORT TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SEPT-ILES

OTTAWA, ON – June 17, 2011: On Monday, August 8, 2011 the new federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Hon. Denis Lebel and Québec Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife, Mr. Serge Simard, will attend the opening ceremonies at the Association's 53rd Annual Conference & AGM in Sept-Iles, Quebec, August 6-10, 2011. Minister Lebel will also be the keynote luncheon speaker on the same day.

"We are most pleased that both Ministers have agreed to join us to address members of the port community at this year's annual conference," commented Bruce Wood, President and CEO of the Hamilton Port Authority and this year's Chair of the Association. The focus of this year's annual conference will be on Canada's natural resources as a key driver of Canada's international trade and continued prosperity.

"We are very pleased to host this year's annual conference and shed more light on the enormous role played by natural resources in the business of our Canadian port system. Under the theme, *Ports – Linking Natural Resources to Canada's Prosperity*, this conference is a perfect fit for the Port of Sept-Îles", said Pierre Gagnon, President and CEO of the Sept-Iles Port Authority.

More than 150 delegates are expected to attend this year's annual conference. There will be sessions addressing all aspects of cargo movement including shippers, carriers, landside service providers, pilots and government officials. The conference will highlight the role of bulk and break-bulk commodities in the ongoing growth of Canada's maritime transportation sector. "We look forward to hosting our friends, colleagues and key business partners to the North Shore of Quebec," commented Mr. Gagnon.

The host port of Sept-Iles has put together an impressive social program to ensure that all conference delegates get a true flavor of Quebec's beautiful North Shore.

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