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THE MONTREAL PORT AUTHORITY HOSTS ACPA'S 49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

MONTREAL, August 27, 2007 – The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) welcomes 250 delegates from the Canadian port industry and members of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) from August 27-29, for the 49th Annual General Meeting and Conference in Montreal.

Mr. Dominic J. Taddeo, President and CEO of the MPA, and ACPA Chair for 2006-2007, will preside over the opening ceremonies, which will be attended by representatives of all levels of government.

ACPA is a national umbrella group which represents and promotes the interests of Canadian port authorities, various government entities and companies in the maritime industry. It is the second time in its 23 year history that ACPA holds its annual conference in Montreal. The first was in 1983, and Mr. Taddeo was also Chair of the Association at the time.

Entitled, “Canada’s Ports: Vital Economic Engines”, the 49th ACPA conference is a platform for Canadian port representatives to exchange views and discuss issues impacting the industry, most notably competitiveness, the economic importance of Canadian ports in a global economy, environmental management, the St. Lawrence Great Lakes trade corridor, port security and the cruise industry in Canada.

Where: The Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal

Date: August 27 to 29, 2007

Media interested in attending this conference should contact the MPA’s Communications Department at 514 283-1489 to receive accreditation, or consult the program at www.acpa-ports.net

About the Association of Canadian Port Authorities

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) was founded in 1958. It groups together ports and harbours and related marine interests into one national association. 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. The port authorities in Canada handle more than \$100 billion worth of cargo annually.

About the Montreal Port Authority

The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) is an autonomous and profitable federal agency created by law to operate the port facilities in Montreal on a commercial basis. Managed by a Board of Directors composed of Montreal business people, the MPA operates its own railway network, a grain terminal and a marine terminal and leases the Port of Montreal terminals to private stevedoring firms. Through its activities, the Port of Montreal generates over \$2 billion in annual economic spin-offs and creates about 18,000 direct and indirect jobs. For more information, visit www.port-montreal.com

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