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ASSOCIATION HOSTS NATIONAL PORT OPERATIONS SEMINAR IN TORONTO

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities will host its bi-annual National Operations and Environment Seminar in Toronto on November 13 and 14, 2007, at the Novotel Hotel. This session will bring together the key operating personnel in Canada's port system from across the country. Chair of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, Sean Hanrahan, says, "The Seminar will deal with critical issues of importance to all those in the port business whether they be Canada Port Authorities, local ports, private ports and terminal operators, governmental authorities, and others doing business in the port sector."

Some of the issues covered in this year's Seminar include port security and related funding issues; security policy and regulatory development; risk assessment; critical infrastructure protection; place of refuge; environmental initiatives; dealing with the media in times of crisis; supply chain challenges; and general port practices and procedures. Those who want to engage in discussion of the issues of importance to ongoing port operations are encouraged to attend this Seminar. The business of ports has been growing significantly in recent years and so has the many issues being dealt with by port operators everywhere. It is incumbent upon port operators to take the lead in reviewing best practices and assessing what can be done to make the business of ports even stronger.

"We are hopeful that all in the port community, whether members or not, will take advantage of this opportunity to come together and take stock of the critical operational issues before all Canadian ports, both large and small," commented Chair, Sean Hanrahan. The National Operations and Environment Seminar is a 'sleeves rolled up' event that adopts a workshop approach to the issues. The objective of the Seminar is to

have specific outcomes that will aid both the port sector and governments address the key port-related issues of the day.

For complete program and registration details please see the Association website at:
www.acpa-ports.net

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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 \$120 billion worth of goods handled annually.