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

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### **New Port Security Officer Group Formed**

The Association continues to focus on port security and created a Port Security Officer Group at the *recent National Operations and Environment Seminar* held in Toronto. Port security remains a high priority for Canada's national port system and this new initiative ensures that all ports are fully appraised of ongoing activities related to national security policy, innovative technologies and international approaches to enhanced security. "This new effort is further evidence of the Association's ongoing efforts to provide value added services for its members," stated Sean Hanrahan, President and CEO of the St. John's Port Authority and Chair of the Association.

The 19 Canada Port Authorities have representatives in the Group and it is fully expected that a number of regional ports will be included very soon. "The members called for a more collaborative approach to information sharing on the security front and the Association responded," commented Hanrahan. He further noted that, "There are so many security issues related to Canadian port operations that must be addressed daily and there are new demands being placed on Canada's ports on a regular basis." This new Group will ensure that current security plans are effectively implemented at Canada's ports and any new initiatives are fully incorporated into approved security plans. Further, the Group will make every effort to ensure that the Association speaks with one, united voice on advocating for improved security policies and programs where required.

The Group selected a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Port Security Officer Group for a one-year term. This year's Chair, will be Angus Armstrong, Port

Security Officer with the Toronto Port Authority and the Vice-Chair will be Felixpier Bergeron, Port Security Officer, Montreal Port Authority.

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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 \$100 billion worth of goods handled annually.

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