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CANADA'S PORTS WELCOME GARNEAU'S TRANSPORTATION FRAMEWORK Transportation 2030 "a good foundation to work from"

OTTAWA, Ontario – The Association of Canadian Port Authorities today welcomed the overall approach as well as the enhanced support for infrastructure, trade corridors and green technology laid out in "Transportation 2030", Minister Garneau's vision for the future of the transportation system in Canada.

"Transportation infrastructure such as ports are key enablers for sustainable economic development and the government's pledge to invest an additional \$81 billion - including \$10.1 billion in trade-enabling infrastructure - is a major opportunity to build for the future," explained, Wendy Zatylny, President of the association. "Although there are many details to be filled in, this is very much a good foundation to work from."

The association also recognized the government's commitment to the idea that a clean marine environment and a strong economy go hand in hand. Noted Zatylny, "ACPA members have long been actively engaged in environmental protection and sustainable transportation initiatives, and welcome the opportunity to build upon this base."

For ports to fully leverage the funding and the announced Canada Infrastructure Bank, it is vital that a national transportation strategy be developed that recognizes the value of small and large projects, inland as well as tri-coastal transportation, and trade corridors that span the country. An ACPA - Transport Canada¹ study of port infrastructure requirements found a capital investment requirement of \$5.8 billion to meet growing demand. Of this, \$1.9 billion (or 33%) is related to the rehabilitation of existing port assets. Public funding of strategic port infrastructure is critical to assist in maximizing Canada's economic output.

"Ports can continue to be powerful trade enablers for Canada, but to do so we have to be flexible and able to adapt to changing market forces. Measures such as the removal of barriers to financial flexibility would empower port authorities to pursue trade-related opportunities and reduce current restrictions that may serve as obstacles to growth. We live in a highly-competitive world and it is critical that

¹ CPCS Transcom, Canada Port Authority Infrastructure Study: Port Infrastructure Investment Needs and Plans, Association of Canadian Port Authorities, Ottawa, 2011

Canada has the policies in place to ensure we are able to maintain continued growth and prosperity,” she concluded. “We look forward to working with Minister Garneau and his colleagues to make this a reality.”

About the Association of Canadian Port Authorities

Founded in 1958, the Association of Canadian Port Authorities brings together 18 ports and related marine interests into one national association. As the leading Association for the advocacy and advancement of Canada’s port industry — representing all Canadian Port Authorities, various government entities and companies doing business in the marine sector — ACPA is the champion for Canadian ports in matters related to government policy, trade, competitiveness and public awareness in order to contribute to sustainable transportation.

Taken together, Canada’s Port Authorities handle over \$203 billion worth of cargo; contribute \$14.7 billion to Canada’s GDP; and create tens of thousands of direct and indirect jobs that pay higher than average wages.

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