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APPOINTMENTS TO TWO PILOTAGE AUTHORITIES

OTTAWA — Canada's Transport Minister John Baird today announced the appointment of Captain Michel Desrochers to the board of directors of the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority and the appointments of Martin Karlsen, Captain Alan Stockdale and Captain Edward Anthony to the board of directors of the Atlantic Pilotage Authority. The appointments are effective September 12th, 2009 for a term of three years.

"I am very pleased that these four very capable and experienced individuals have agreed to serve on the boards of these Pilotage Authorities," said Baird.

"These four individuals have a deep understanding of shipping and pilotage operations," said Minister of State (Transport) Rob Merrifield. "This knowledge will be invaluable to the important work of the boards of directors of the Pilotage authorities."

Canadian pilotage authorities play an important role in ensuring safe and effective pilotage services in Canadian waters.

Captain Michel Desrochers worked with the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority for 30 years as a licensed pilot. He has served previously on other boards, including the Fédération des pilotes du fleuve et de la voie maritime du Saint-Laurent.

Martin Karlsen has worked as the President of the Karlsen Shipping Company since 1986. He has served previously as a Director of the Atlantic Pilotage Authority and is a former Director, President or Chair for a variety of organizations, including the Halifax/Dartmouth Port Development Commission, the East Coast Offshore Technical Society and the Halifax Shipping Association.

Captain Alan Stockdale has worked with the Atlantic Pilotage Authority since 1983, most recently as a pilot in the Voisey's Bay Compulsory Pilotage District. Captain Stockdale began his career as a Technical Inspector in the Nautical and Pilotage Division of Transport Canada.

Captain Edward Anthony has worked as a marine pilot since 1998, before which he held various marine-related positions in the federal government, private industry and academia. He served previously on the Atlantic Pilotage Authority board from 1993 to 1998.

The mission of the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority is to establish, operate, maintain and administer in the interest of safety, an efficient pilotage service for commercial vessels within the Great Lakes region.

The Atlantic Pilotage Authority is responsible for operating and maintaining a safe and efficient pilotage service on all coastal waters in the Atlantic region.

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