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REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

OTTAWA — Canada's Transport Minister John Baird and Rob Merrifield, Minister of State (Transport), today announced the reappointment of Mr. J. Douglas Smith as chair of the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority for a term of three years, effective March 5, 2010.

"I am very pleased that Mr. Smith will be continuing in this important role," said Baird. "His background in maritime transport and considerable leadership experience remain tremendous assets for the Authority."

Mr. Smith holds a master's degree in business administration from York University and a bachelor of applied science in industrial engineering from the University of Toronto. He has been an independent consultant on energy supply arrangements, transportation, dispute resolution and strategic alliances since 1995. Mr. Smith also served on the board of directors of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation from 2000 to 2006, including two years as chair, and as president of the Chamber of Maritime Commerce from 1995 to 2000. He began his career with Ontario Hydro in 1968, where he rose to increasingly senior positions before leaving to pursue consulting work in 1995.

"The Great Lakes Pilotage Authority will certainly benefit from Mr. Smith's knowledge, experience and direction," said Minister Merrifield.

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.

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