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## **Prince Rupert Port Authority Board Announces New Board Member**

PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA – Mr. Brian Mitchell, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Prince Rupert Port Authority, is pleased to announce the appointment of the newest member of the Board, Mr. James Armitage. Mr. Armitage was appointed by the Federal Minister of Transport, Jean C. Lapierre for three years effective October 26, 2005, following his nomination by the Port User Nominating Committee.

“On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I welcome Mr. Armitage to the Board,” said Mr. Mitchell. “His knowledge of the international forestry sector, marketing, and communications will provide us with invaluable expertise at one of our most significant junctures.”

Mr. Armitage is the Senior Vice-President, Sales and Marketing, at Catalyst Paper, formerly NorskeCanada, in Vancouver, British Columbia. His background includes experience in forestry and publishing, and he has worked in areas such as strategic planning, sales and marketing, and operations. Mr. Armitage is the current Chairman of the North American Newsprint Producers Association and has served on a number of boards, including the University of Western Ontario Board of Governors, Victoria Hospital Corporation and the Canadian Daily Newspaper Association.

The Prince Rupert Port Authority’s Board consists of seven Directors, one appointed by the Governor in Council, one by the City of Prince Rupert and the District of Port Edward, one by the province of British Columbia, and four by the Governor in Council in consultation with the Port User Nominating Committee.

The Prince Rupert Port Authority is building North America’s newest container port. On the shortest land-sea link to Asia, Prince Rupert will create the world’s first throughput container facility. This will permit the transfer of containers virtually directly from ships to awaiting trains, which will speed smoothly on to eastern destinations such as Chicago, Toronto, and Memphis. With an annual capacity of 500,000 TEU’s, the new container facility is expected to significantly alleviate congestion at existing West Coast ports. The container port is expected to create significant economic opportunities for Canadian exporters all across the north. With the now shorter distance to Asia, the production of a variety of value-added products can be shipped cost-effectively through the Port of Prince Rupert to an ever richer Asian marketplace.

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