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Kerry Hawkins Appointed to Port of Prince Rupert Board of Directors

Prince Rupert, B.C.; September 30, 2007 – Kerry L. Hawkins, former president of Cargill Limited, one of the owners of Prince Rupert Grain, has been appointed to the Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) Board of Directors by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

“We welcome Mr. Hawkins’ appointment,” says PRPA Chairman of the Board **Dale MacLean**, adding “his background and expertise complements the strengths of our other directors to help ensure the Port achieves our goal to become internationally recognized as one of the most competitive and diversified gateway ports for North American trade on the Pacific West Coast”

Mr. Hawkins recently retired as president of Manitoba-based Cargill Limited, an international agricultural, food and processing company, where he began his career in 1964. He is a past member of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and has served on a number of boards including the Conference Board of Canada, the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, the C.D. Howe Institute, the National Marine Industrial Council, the Business Council of Manitoba and Prince Rupert Grain Limited. He currently sits on the boards of directors of TransCanada Corporation, NOVA Chemicals Corporation, National Leasing Group and Manitoba Blue Cross. Mr. Hawkins holds a degree in business economics from North Dakota State University

“Mr. Hawkins brings a wealth of relevant experience to the Board of Directors for the Prince Rupert Port Authority,” notes President & CEO **Don Krusel**. “We are looking forward to benefiting from his insights and business acumen that will assist us in moving forward in all aspects of our business.”

Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to the board of directors as user representative for a period of three years.

The Port of Prince Rupert is the deepest natural harbour in North America and connected to the fastest and most effective rail line across the Rockies. The Port is anchoring a new express trade corridor with the opening of a dedicated intermodal container terminal, scheduled to receive its first container ship October 31. The Port is building upon Prince Rupert’s strategic advantages to achieve container capacity of at least 4 million TEUs by 2015. The Port has dedicated grain, coal and wood pellet facilities, and handles more than 7.7 million tonnes of cargo annually. New cruise ship facilities and a maturing cruise ship operation are also opening new opportunities to develop and grow Prince Rupert into a premier West Coast cruise port. For more information on the Port of Prince Rupert, visit www.rupertport.com.

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