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CMC elects new Chair and Vice-Chair

OTTAWA – The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) is pleased to announce the election of Allister Paterson as its new Chair and Len Penner as its Vice-Chair.

Mr. Paterson is President and CEO of Seaway Marine Transport, the largest Canadian operator of gearless and self-unloading bulk freighters on the Great Lakes and Eastern Coast of Canada. Mr. Penner is President of Cargill Ltd, an international producer and marketer of food, agricultural, financial and industrial products and services.

Out-going Chair Michael Kennedy of ArcelorMittal Dofasco, who has successfully completed his two-year term, commented that: “Mr. Paterson has been very involved with the activities of the Chamber as a member of the board of directors, including playing an instrumental industry role in the development of our Marine Delivers communications initiative. We look forward to working with him in his new capacity as Chair.”

Raymond Johnston, President of the Chamber of Marine Commerce, noted that: “Mr. Penner has also been a valuable member of the board of directors of CMC for a number of years and his company relies significantly on marine transportation throughout the world. He brings a global perspective as an important international shipper to the role of Vice-Chair.”

Mr. Paterson has more than 20 years’ experience in the transportation industry. He began his career at Pacific Western Airlines (predecessor to Canadian Airlines) before joining Air New Zealand in senior roles including Acting-CEO in 2000-2001. Prior to joining Seaway Marine Transport, he was the President and CEO of Air Canada Vacations. Mr. Paterson is based in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Mr. Penner joined Cargill in 1975 and held various management positions within the seed business and the Commodity Marketing business before being appointed President of Cargill Ltd. in 2005. Mr. Penner is based in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

About the [Chamber of Marine Commerce](#)

The Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) is an Ottawa-based association that represents more than 160 marine industry stakeholders including major Canadian and American shippers, ports, terminals and marine service providers, as well as domestic and international shipowners. The CMC represents the interests of its members by addressing government issues affecting marine transportation. Advocacy extends to both the federal and provincial levels of government and, when appropriate, to U.S. federal and state governments and agencies. The marine industry is vital to our prosperity by enabling efficient trade within North America and around the world. As a safe, efficient and environmentally smart method of carrying freight, the increased use of marine transportation offers opportunities to alleviate highway congestion, improve utilization of waterway capacity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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