

Transportation Information Update*

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AIR TRANSPORTATION

1. ATAC opposes Private Members Bill C-310

ATAC indicates that Bill C-310 is a highly financially punitive effort to correct certain ills in the existing air transport sector. ATAC objects to the impact that the Bill will have on: 1) Safety (as the Bill will encourage risk taking; 2) The economic injustice of compensating a \$99 fare with \$1200; 3) The Bill's application on small aircraft operations and remote areas; and 4) The inequitable accountability (making airlines liable for weather, air traffic control system or airport delays). The Bill passed second reading in May 2009 and it is anticipated that the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities will undertake a hearing.

2. WestJet launches service to San Diego and San Francisco

WestJet will launch new seasonal non-stop service from Calgary to its two newest U.S. destinations. Service to San Diego begins on June 1, 2009 and service to San Francisco begins on June 2, 2009.

3. Air Canada inaugurates non-stop Montréal-Geneva service

Air Canada inaugurated year-round non-stop service between Montreal and Geneva on June 2, 2009, with same-plane service continuing on to/from Toronto. The carrier's Star Alliance partner, Swiss International Air Lines, will offer seats on a codeshare basis on the new route.

4. Air Canada inaugurates daily non-stop Calgary-Whitehorse and Calgary-London, ON flights

Air Canada on June 1, 2009 inaugurated two new non-stop services from Calgary, with the introduction of the only daily, non-stop flights to Whitehorse, as well as new daily non-stop flights to London Ontario.

5. Air Canada unions may seek stake in pension talks

Air Canada's unions will be examining concrete financial guarantees to backstop their pensions, including the possibility of taking a stake in the airline, when they collectively meet with management later in the first week of June to determine whether they will support a moratorium on their pension payments.

6. Airbus A380 makes commercial debut

The double-decker Airbus A380 made its commercial debut in Canada, landing at Pearson International Airport on June 1, 2009. Emirates Airline introduced the world's largest passenger plane on its Toronto-Dubai route.

7. Air Canada to stop selling corporate flight pass

Air Canada will stop selling its corporate flight pass on July 1, 2009. The pass allows a company to buy multiple one-way segments for up to 300 workers for North American routes. The airline will still offer 30 or 100 flight credits that can be used by up to eight or 25 travellers at a company.

8. Ryanair posts first loss in 20 years

Ryanair, Europe's low cost carrier, posted its first full-year loss in two decades. Despite this loss it indicated that it is considering buying Lufthansa or one of the other two large airlines. It has cash of over 2.3 billion euros which is increasing. It is considering continuing expansion despite cutbacks by its competitors.

9. Emirates rejects blame for Air Canada woes

In response to warnings from the Air Canada Pilots Association that if Ottawa allows Emirates Airlines to expand in Canada, it could force cash-strapped Air Canada into bankruptcy protection, Emirates president said it is totally ludicrous to lay some of the blame at the door of Emirates. He indicated that the airlines competes fairly with Air

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Canada and its alliance members and is not subsidized by the Dubai government which owns the airline. Regarding Emirates desire to expand service to Canada Air Canada, spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said any open skies agreement has to be mutually beneficial.

10. WestJet announces May load factor of 71.4 per cent

On June 4, 2009, WestJet announced traffic results for May 2009 - a load factor of 71.4 per cent, available seat miles of 1.436 billion and revenue passenger miles of 1.0641 billion. In terms of yearly month to month change, for May 2009, the load factor was down 5.4 points and available seat miles and the revenue seat miles were up 1.2% and 5.8%, compared to May 2008. Sean Durfy, WestJet President and CEO said "During this difficult part of the business cycle, our strong culture, brand and financial health shield us from the full impact of the downturn."

11. WestJet Airlines Ltd.

WestJet Airlines Ltd. will offer service from a number of Canadian cities to Mexico beginning the winter of 2009.

12. The overcrowded, unfriendly skies

Recovery in the airlines industry is not expected till the middle of 2010. Experts believe that capacity is still too high, particularly on international routes. Streamlining the industry, experts say will take a lot more consolidation and partnership agreements designed to share routes on a global scale. With about 80 carriers now flying some 85% of the world's people, one consultant firm in Washington, DC believes that there's plenty of room for cutting back. It envisions that 20 years from now there will be three large network alliances serving the globe, with perhaps a low-cost alternative trailing the pack. Two potential hurdles are the government and labour.

13. Air Canada introduces commission for Canadian travel agents; Boosts competitive position with four per cent commission to sell Tango fares

Air Canada announced on June 4, 2009 that effective immediately it will introduce a four per cent commission for Canadian travel agents to sell Tango fares through the airline's portal for all flights operated within Canada by Air Canada, Jazz and its commercial partners.

14. Air Canada comments on appointment of federal mediator in pension talks

In response to the appointment of a federal mediator, Air Canada said "With the appointment ... of the Honourable James Farley, we are hopeful of a rapid resolution of the pension funding issue as well as achieving labour stability, both of which are pre-conditions required to help the company obtain the financing needed to address the company's liquidity constraints."

15. 2009 airline industry losses to top \$4.7-billion: IATA

According to IATA, world airlines are expected to lose \$4.7 billion in 2009 after a \$8 billion loss in 2008. The effect is likely to be worse than forecast this year because it will cause a knock-on effect on suppliers, with Boeing and Airbus orders next year looking to be down 30 per cent. The number of planes ordered could drop. In addition, while the fall in freight may have reached its bottom, the fall in passengers may not have. IATA's CEO called for an end to the sweetheart deal for some low-cost carriers which see them paying lower fees for airports. He said that a wave of industry consolidation would be unleashed if the U.S. ended ownership caps by foreigners on its airlines.

16. Air Canada traffic drops 10 per cent

Air Canada reported that economic weakness and the threat of the H1N1 virus depressed passenger traffic across Air Canada's system in May 2009, dropping it by 10.3 per cent year-over-year. It said the figures, which included traffic across its entire system including regional airline Jazz, were "stable" despite the challenges experienced during the month.

17. Air Canada reports May traffic

On June 8, 2009, the combined carriers (Air Canada and Jazz), reported its traffic for May 2009: a load factor of 79.5% (compared to 83.2% for May 2008, a 3.7 points decrease); revenue passenger miles 3,863 million (10.3% lower); and available seat

miles or capacity 4,859 million (6.1 % lower). Air Canada statistics for May 2009 were: a load factor of 81% (compared

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to 84.3% for May 2008); revenue passenger miles 3,546 million (10.4% lower); and available seat miles or capacity 4, 376 million (6.7% lower). Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer said "...We will continue to manage capacity in a disciplined manner and this includes redeploying capacity to pursue new strategic revenue generation opportunities. ...Over the past five weeks, we have inaugurated new non-stop services... During the past weeks we continued the implementation of initiatives to re-engage customers and the travel trade community alike, with the introduction of our Low Fare Guarantee and, most recently, a commission program to Canadian travel agents in reward for their support..."

18. Air Canada reaches agreement with CALDA, CAW and IAMAW on pension funding moratorium and on labour stability

Air Canada said on June 8, 2009 that it had reached tentative agreements on a 21-month pension funding moratorium and collective agreement extension with three of its unions, CALDA, the CAW and the IAMAW, representing a total of approximately 16,500 employees or over 60 per cent of its unionized workforce in Canada. The agreement has also been signed by the Air Canada Pionairs (15,000 retirees).

19. Loss Forecast Increases to US\$9 Billion

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) revised its airline financial forecast for 2009 doubling it to a global loss of US\$9 billion. Recession is the most significant factor impacting the industry's bottom line. Air cargo demand is expected to decline by 17% and passenger demand is expected to contract by 8% in 2009. The risks and challenges cited were: fuel bill, efficiency gains, stronger cash reserves, careful capacity management and strong partnerships.

20. Giovanni Bisignani, IATA's Director General and CEO, IATA Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit

IATA's CEO said that the air industry has been shaken and is in recession. The industry is in survival mode, change is critical and the crisis must be used as an opportunity to strengthen the industry. The industry must also adapt and show

flexibility. In particular, labour, travel agents, suppliers and manufacturers and especially monopoly suppliers share the burden of flexibility and change. The environment is also a big challenge and governments need to catch up.

21. WestJet is Canada's preferred airline

On June 9, 2009, WestJet announced the results of a study by Leger Marketing indicating that WestJet is Canada's preferred airline. The study shows that 49 per cent of Canadians chose WestJet as their preferred airline in Canada compared to 35 per cent who chose Air Canada.

22. Air Canada increases commission for Canadian travel agents to seven per cent on Tango fares

Air Canada announced on June 9, 2009 that effective immediately it will increase its commission for Canadian travel agents to sell Tango fares from four to seven per cent for all flights operated within Canada by Air Canada, Jazz and its commercial partners. Tickets eligible for the incentive must be sold through the airline's agency portal.

23. Unions set to take stake in Air Canada

Under a tentative deal three of Air Canada's five unions agreed to accept shares in exchange for supporting the company's proposal to freeze wages and defer most contributions to the employee pension plan for 21 months. The 10% stake acquired attempts to repair its strained labour relations, avoid a strike and preserve cash to survive the recession. The deal's success will depend on whether the other two unions also agree.

24. Bold Industry Commitment on Environment

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that the airline industry is committed to achieving carbon-neutral growth by 2020. The commitment to carbon-neutral growth completes a set of three sequential goals for air transport: (1) a 1.5% average annual improvement in fuel efficiency from 2009 to 2020; (2) carbon-neutral growth from 2020 and (3) a 50% absolute reduction in carbon emissions by 2050.

25. Airlines woo travel agents in dogfight for passengers

Both Air Canada and WestJet Airlines Ltd. have now turned their attention to enlisting the help of travel agencies across the country in their fight. After active lobbying effort from the Association of Canadian Travel Agents (ACTA), both airlines settled on a 7% commission rate this week. It will be recalled that some time ago the airlines decided to eliminate or cut the commission and then reinstate.

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Transat A. T. reported profits of \$42.2-million or \$1.27 per share for the quarter ended March 30, 2009 up slightly from year-earlier net income of \$41.7-million or \$1.25 per share as a result of a record number of travellers. The company reported quarterly revenue of \$1.12-billion, an increase from \$1.08-billion recorded the year before.

27. Aeroplan ready to assist cash-strapped Air Canada

Aeroplan CEO said Air Canada has made "substantial progress" on pension issues to avoid bankruptcy protection and is positioned to supply debtor-in-possession financing, if required.

28. Air Canada executives okay pay freeze

Air Canada's top executives have agreed to pay freezes including no bonuses until 2011 as part of a deal designed to promote labour peace. The past deals with some executives have upset labour and this freeze is expected to ease the discontent among employees who are being asked to accept wage freezes. The proposed pension-funding moratorium must still be approved by Ottawa.

29. Transat packages aimed at more frugal consumer

Transat is planning to offer more three-star packages to sun destinations next winter to attract more frugal consumers who still want to travel. It will offer less luxurious hotels to grow volumes for these consumers. It expects tough competition and low prices to strain its margins at the same time it is planning to cut hotel costs and move to a single wide-body aircraft type to reduce costs.

30. WestJet fares worry aboriginal-owned airline

Aboriginal-owned Canadian North airlines which serves the Northwest Territories and Nunavut say it is concerned about WestJet cherry picking. WestJet recently began offering service on Northwest's busiest route - Edmonton-Yellowknife - by cutting fares in half. It claims that it serves many routes that WestJet will not serve because the market is not large. Northwest also competes with Air Canada's Jazz and First Air.

31. Air Canada seeking \$600-million loan

Air Canada is seeking a \$600-million loan. It needs the new financing to help it stay above an \$800-million minimum cash balance required by a credit-card processor to keep payments flowing from passengers, other wise it will face bankruptcy for the second time in six years. It will also distribute shares to five of its unions.

32. Air Canada close to bailout deal

Air Canada is close to reaching a deal with the unions representing its flight attendants and pilots. This could facilitate the carrier receiving more than \$500-million in financing. The role the government will play in this financing is expected to be small. Air Canada had been seeking an immediate moratorium on its pension obligations this year after its solvency deficit ballooned to \$2.9-billion last year, from \$1.2-billion in the previous year.

33. Air Canada reaches agreement with ACPA and CUPE on pension funding moratorium and with ACPA on labour stability

On June 15, 2009, Air Canada reached tentative agreements on a 21-month pension funding moratorium with the Air Canada Pilots Association (ACPA) representing approximately 3,200 pilots and with CUPE representing approximately 6,700 flight attendants. With these agreements it has concluded tentative agreements on a pension funding moratorium with its entire unionized workforce in Canada.

34. Air Canada inaugurates the only daily, non-stop service between Calgary and Portland, OR

On June 15, 2009, Air Canada flight launched the only daily, non-stop service between Calgary and Portland, Oregon. This is the fourth non-stop flight introduced recently from Calgary.

35. Fewer air travellers buying premium seats: IATA

There is evidence that bad times also affect those travelling in the first class. In Europe, premium traffic fell in April 2009 by 33.6 per cent versus April 2008. Premium traffic within North America was down 16.5 per cent, and traffic from Europe to Asia fell 26.4 per cent.

36. Ottawa to give airline a lift

Ottawa has agreed to contribute a portion of the roughly US\$600-million in new financing Air Canada is seeking. ACE Aviation Holdings Inc., the parent company of Air Canada, is also expected to contribute some financial help. Air Canada

suffered a loss of \$400 million in the first quarter and its pension requirements for this year was \$650 million.

37. Air Canada attendants sole holdout on contract

Air Canada flight attendants union, which supported a company proposal for a pension-funding moratorium, indicates it wants assurances of job security before agreeing to a new contract. Spokeswoman for them indicated that they're receptive to discussion but we're not going to compromise.

38. More work to do before Air Canada gets its money

Before being able to access the financing it needs to avoid a bankruptcy filing, Air Canada still faces hurdles. Flight attendants have broken off a deal that requires extension of its current labour agreement which its other unions have agreed to. The federal mediator said labour stability is required before it can access funds from the syndicate of lenders which includes ACE Aviation Holdings Inc., Groupe Aeroplan, private banks and the federal government. The federal loan from the Export Development Corporation is expected to be \$200-\$300.

39. International Aviation - Second EU-US Labour Forum

The aim of this second two day EU-US Labour Forum is to develop further the understanding of social issues relating to the existing and proposed reforms in the context of the EU-US aviation agreement and the associated second stage negotiations, notably those associated with the reform of traditional nationality-based ownership and control rules.

40. Mediators named to Air Canada talks

The federal government appointed two mediators on June 17, 2009 to help Air Canada and the union representing its flight attendants reach a labour agreement.

41. Air Canada loan may be dangerous precedent, critics say

Policy analysts and tax watchdogs are concerned over Air Canada's ability to tap a politically driven fund reserved in the past to help exporters. In addition, there is concern that such a move will irreversibly expand the mandate of Canada's Export Development Canada

42. Air Canada to allow pets in cabin

Air Canada on June 17, 2009 announced that it will allow passengers to bring their cat or small dog in the cabin on flights operated by Air Canada and Jazz beginning in July 2009 as part of their customer friendly initiatives.

43. WestJet and pilots reach four-year deal

On June 17, 2009 WestJet announced that the WestJet Pilots Association ratified the 2009 Pilot Agreement effective July 1, 2009 for four years.

44. Investigation confirms broken studs in copter crash

The Transportation Safety Board confirmed that titanium mounting studs in the gearbox of a helicopter broke in flight leading to a catastrophic loss of oil pressure and caused the aircraft to fall out of the sky and crash off Newfoundland on March 12, 2009.

45. Air Canada inaugurates daily, non-stop Montréal-Rome service

On June 20, 2009, Air Canada inaugurated daily non-stop flights between Montréal and Rome. It will also link this service on a daily basis with Air Canada's extensive Québec and Atlantic Canada network, as well as major cities on the Eastern U.S. seaboard.

46. Air Canada, flight attendants reach deal

The union representing Air Canada flight attendants has reached a labour pact with management. The agreement extends its collective agreement by 21 months. All five unions have now agreed to support Air Canada's plans to ask Ottawa to approve a pension funding moratorium.

47. WestJet's up! magazine wins Western Magazine Award

up! magazine, the in-flight publication for WestJet Airlines produced by RedPoint Media Group on a contract basis, won Gold at the Western Magazine Awards.

48. Passenger Decline Stabilizes - Some Improvement in Freight

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced international scheduled traffic results for May 2009. It showed continuous decline in passenger and freight demand. The decline however was less than recorded earlier in the year indicating that passenger decline has somewhat stabilized and freight demand has slightly improved. IATA's Director General and CEO said "We may have hit bottom, but we are a long way from recovery."

49. Self-serve baggage tagging for air travellers starts July 1, 2009

On June 25, 2009, Canada's Transport Minister, John Baird, announced that air travellers will be permitted to self-serve baggage tagging. It lets passengers print their own baggage tags at airport kiosks and attach them to their checked bags, rather than waiting for an airline attendant to do it. This option saves passengers time, reduces lineups and helps airlines control costs without compromising security. It also frees up valuable space that would otherwise be required for additional check-in counters.

50. Canada's Government designates more Canadian carriers to serve Mexico

The Canadian government announced changes to air designation allocations for scheduled Air Canada, Air Transat, WestJet and Sunwing air services between Canada and Mexico on May 25, 2009. These changes which will benefit travellers and Canada's tourism industry. Increased air access is important to meet the needs of the increasing Mexican market.

51. WestJet introduces some tweet deals

twitter.com will provide seat sales, special offers and other uniquely-WestJet opportunities for those who sign up with this company. twitter.com is a new company that provides guests and prospective guests relevant information and great deals offered by WestJet.

52. Air Canada concludes \$100 million revolving loan agreement with Aeroplan

On June 29, 2009 Air Canada said that it has concluded a secured revolving loan agreement with Aeroplan Canada Inc. ("Aeroplan") which will provide the airline with up to CAD \$100 million and assist with its liquidity requirements.

53. Air Canada needs retirees' nod on pensions

Air Canada's financial future hinges on winning the consent of its 22,500 retirees. Air Canada said it needs to defer payments toward its \$2.9b. pension solvency deficit or else talks to obtain key loans will collapse and place the firm in financial peril.

WATER TRANSPORTATION

1. SPECIAL REPORT: Canadian ports to twin TWIC

The ports of Halifax and Montreal are in the process of developing an identification card for truckers which mirrors the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) required at U.S. ports. This will mean tighter security for truckers on these ports. American ports made the card mandatory as of April 15, 2009 but it is not known when it will go into effect at the above two ports.

2. Cumulative containerized traffic January to April 2009 - Port of Montreal

Cumulative traffic (metric tonnes) at the Port of Montreal for January to April 2009 was down 17.3% compared to the same period a year earlier. Cumulative TEUs for this period were 404,539 down 12.3%. Outbound TEUs were down 14.7% and in bound TEUs were down 9.6%.

3. Cumulative containerized traffic January to April 2009 - Port Metro Vancouver

Cumulative TEUs for January to April 2009 were 669,815 down 16%. Outbound TEUs were down 14% and in bound TEUs were down 19%.

4. The Port of Montreal overtakes its main container market competitors in 2008

Acting President and CEO of the Port of Montreal at its 2009 Annual General Meeting indicated that "The year 2008 was a record year for container handling at the Port de Montreal. In fact, the Port enjoyed higher growth than its main competitors on the East Coast. Container traffic in 2008 reached 1,473,914 TEUs, a growth of 8.1% over 2007 and total traffic rose to 27,021,342 tonnes, up 3.9%. For the first quarter of 2009, though the traffic was down 14.1%, the decline was not as bad as that of the competitors. These results indicate the Port's competitive advantages. As for financial performance for 2008, the Port showed a \$10.8 million net profit. Revenues reached \$93.4 million and expenses accounted for \$78.7 million.

5. Cumulative cargo statistics January and April 2009 - Port Metro Vancouver

Cumulative cargo all types (metric tonnes) at the Port Metro Vancouver for the months of January to April 2009 compared to the same period a year earlier was down 18.5%. Total inbound tonnage (metric tonnes) declined 35.1% and total outbound tonnage declined 12.7%. Cargo by type: auto, breakbulk, bulk(dry), bulk(liquid), and container changed by -19%, -34.7%, -18.4%, 9% and -14.6%, respectively.

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6. CTA Applauds US Flexibility Over Port Security Requirements

The Canadian Trucking Alliance on June 1, 2009 welcomed a decision by the United States Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration that should ease the transition to tighter US port security requirements for Canadian truck drivers. If a Transportation Worker Identity Credential, or TWIC has been applied for, Canadian drivers who have already been security screened under the bilateral Free and Secure Trade program (FAST) enjoy unescorted access to US marine facilities, at the discretion of the facility operator. This was to end in the last week of May 2009 but will remain in effect until mid July due to delays in processing applications.

7. Seaway Traffic Plunges Freight traffic on the St. Lawrence Seaway fell by nearly 40 percent in the first two months of the navigation season. The decline was a result of a fall in all categories of cargo except wheat.

8. Port of Montreal rewarded for the quality of its cruise passenger and ship services

The Port of Montreal won the 2008 Best Turnaround Port Operations Award from the Dream World Cruise Destinations Magazine. Eight other ports in the world also received this distinction.

9. Government of Canada expands program to help ships turn off engines, improve air quality

The Government of Canada announced Round Two of the Marine Shore Power Program on June 4, 2009. The program helps improve air quality by enabling ships to turn off their diesel engines while docked and instead connect to electric power that is supplied from specially designed transformers at port facilities.

10. Port of Halifax and Odessa Sign Memorandum to Promote Trade

On June 4, 2009, the Port of Halifax, Canada and Odessa, Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Cooperation aimed at identifying and generating new business opportunities for both ports.

11. U.S. ports take aim at B.C. rivals

Canadian ports were targeted by US rivals as benefiting from subsidies. Long Beach port official argued that Canadian governments' spending on rail and port infrastructure (in particular the \$283-million for rail routes to Prince Rupert and Vancouver and the \$60-million for the Prince Rupert port) constitute illegal subsidies under the World Trade Organization rules. Canadian ports were surprised at the

allegations and point to the subsidies provided to US ports (direct government spending on infrastructure, the ability to issue lower-cost tax-exempt bonds, free services such as dredging performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and operating subsidy). The cause of stolen markets may be the differential impact the recession has had on north American ports.

12. Accumulated Cruise Passenger Performance - Port Metro Vancouver

Accumulated cruise passengers and revenue passengers (year-to-date) till the end of May 2009 were both 8.8% higher compared to May 2008. For the monthly comparison, these indicators were up 21.4% in May 2009 compared to May 2008.

13. Accumulated containerized traffic report YTD May 2009 - Port Metro Vancouver

Accumulated containerized traffic (TEUs) at the Port Metro Vancouver till the end of May 2009 was down 15% compared to the same month a year earlier. Inbound traffic (434,689 TEUs) or imports declined 18% and outbound traffic (425,772 TEUs) or exports declined 12%.

14. Halifax Gateway Council elects new board

The Halifax Gateway Council has a new board. Joyce Carter, vice-president of finance, CFO and CSO of the Halifax Stanfield International Airport will serve as the group's new chair.

15. Price Fixing Gets Jail Time

Three former Horizon Lines executives and one former Sea Star Line manager have been sentenced for antitrust conspiracy. Their sentences range from seven to forty-eight months for price-fixing in the US mainland-Puerto Rico trade. The forty-eight months is the longest sentence imposed for a single antitrust charge in the US.

16. The Government of Canada takes action to protect Canada's Arctic waters and enhance northern sovereignty

Amendments to the *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* received royal assent on June 11, 2009. These amendments will safeguard Arctic waters from pollution by increasing the area defined as Arctic waters from 100 to 200 nautical miles offshore. It will thereby allow Canada to exercise greater control over these waters.

17. Canada's Government takes action to protect environment with changes to the *Marine Liability Act*

Bill C-7, on amendments to the *Marine Liability Act*, received Royal Assent on June 23, 2009. The major amendments include: protecting Canadians against the financial consequences of oil spills by tripling the fines for damages; allowing for regulations requiring all commercial passenger vessels in Canada to carry insurance for passenger injury liability; making it possible for Canada to proceed with ratifying two international conventions; clarifying rules on liability of owners and operators in the marine adventure tourism sector; and making other changes.

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RAIL TRANSPORTATION

Canada

1. Canada Assumes Presidency of International Transport Forum 2010

The Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State (Transport), assumed Canada's presidency of the International Transport Forum 2010. This Forum was established in May 2006 by the Transport Ministers of 51 countries in order to offer policy makers, private stakeholders and researchers a platform to work together on transport issues of global significance and to foster a deeper understanding of the integral role transport plays in the world economy.

2. Consultant selected to conduct stakeholder survey under rail freight service review

The Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State (Transport), on May 29, 2009 announced that NRG Research Group has been selected as the consultant to conduct the stakeholder survey project as part of the rail freight service review. The rail freight service review is being conducted in two phases. Phase I will be completed by late October 2009. Phase II will commence with the appointment of a panel who will develop recommendations in consultation with stakeholders and submit a final report to the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure in spring 2010.

3. [US] Short Line Volume Edges Higher

RMI's RailConnect Index said the total loads of 343 short line railroads rose by 2,031 units in the third week of May 2009. This has been the largest traffic total those carriers have reported since April 4, 2009.

4. Canada's railroads will continue to underperform short-term: Desjardins

An analyst at the Desjardins indicated that there have been no signs of improvement in weekly carload numbers, on the railroad sector. Not surprisingly, he was of the opinion that Canadian railways are not the best short-to-medium-term investment opportunity in the industrial space at this time. He predicts an 18% drop in carloads for the second quarter for CN, but for those numbers to improve to 15% and then 13% in the third and fourth quarters of 2009. Nevertheless, he believes the railways are solid companies.

5. Northern Manitoba passenger rail service receives more funding from Government of Canada

On June 5, 2009, the Government of Canada announced \$5.2 million in federal funding to Keewatin Railway Company – a passenger and freight rail company owned and operated by three First Nations communities – for capital improvements to the passenger rail service between The Pas and Pukatawagan in northern Manitoba.

6. Government of Canada helps to create jobs with investment in the Tshiuetin Rail service in Northern Quebec

Canada's Transport Minister, John Baird, announced on June 5, 2009 a \$5.8 million in federal funding to the Tshiuetin Rail Transportation – a passenger and freight rail company owned and operated by three First Nations communities – for capital improvements to improve the rail line and the passenger rail service between Sept-Îles and Schefferville.

7. Rail Shipper Bills, Near Action

Rail shippers have pushed for years to reduce some of the power of the Surface Transportation Board and give more power to federal courts and other departments. In the first few weeks of June they hoped that Congress may be set to act on the Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act. But there is considerable opposition as the railroad warns that stripping the industry of the limited immunity could create a confusing regulatory scheme and could also involve dual oversight over some competition matters. They call for a comprehensive national rail policy that integrates regulation with antitrust jurisprudence. The shipper bill could move separately from the antitrust bill.

8. Rail Bill Sidetracked

Two senators agreed to work in early June over their duelling bills to reform rail competition rules. Senator H. Kohl's bill is concerned with antitrust, Senator J. Rockefeller's bill is concerned with railway reform. The agreement will likely lead to a unified bill which will place railroads now under normal antitrust treatment and introduce regulatory reforms of the railroads now under the STB (as it has become tilted in favour of the railroads according to the shippers). At the moment, STB has pre-emption authority over states or courts on a broad set of issues, from rail mergers to customer rate challenges and some allegations of anti-competitive behaviour by railroads. Its decisions can be challenged only in federal appeals court, which rarely reverses a board ruling.

9. N. Ontario short-haul rail line shut down

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Regional freight line Huron Central Railway will halt operations between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury. Genesee and Wyoming its US owners blamed poor economic conditions for the pending closure.

10. CN reaches voluntary mitigation agreement with the City of Warrentville, Ill.

CN announced on June 18, 2009 a voluntary mitigation agreement with the City of Warrentville, Ill., addressing the municipality's environmental issues with CN's acquisition of the principal lines of the former Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company.

11. CN Tanker Cars Derail, Explode

18 tanker cars of a Canadian National Railway train ran off the tracks and exploded near Rockford, Ill., killing a woman at a crossing.

12. High-speed rail would foster national unity: MP

Joe Volpi (federal liberal transport critic, at Parliamentary hearings on high speed rail) says that a multi-billion dollar high-speed rail project between Quebec City and Windsor, would promote national unity among Quebecers and boost their attachment to the rest of the country. It would be the largest national infrastructure project between Ontario and Quebec since the St. Lawrence. It could have a similar effect as the building of the CP line in 1885 had in unifying Canada.

13. First GO Train Arrives In Niagara Falls

Go Train begins service from Union Station to Niagara Falls VIA Rail Station, with four trips in each direction with stops at Port Credit, Oakville, Burlington, St. Catharines, and Niagara Falls. The trains will continue through the busy tourist season until October 12, 2009.

14. CN announces Tender Offer and Consent Solicitation for 4.25% Notes due 2009

On June 26, 2009 CN announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, CNLX Canada Inc., has commenced a cash tender offer for any and all of the outstanding US\$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.25% Notes due 2009 issued by CN (the "Notes") on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in its Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement, dated June 26, 2009, and the related Letter of Transmittal and Consent. CNLX Canada Inc. is also soliciting consents to certain proposed amendments to the indenture governing the Notes.

HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

1. Worst over for freight economy? Analyst thinks so

An analyst believes that the two-year old freight recession appears to be near the bottom, setting the stage for an incremental rebound next year. Margins for the US trucking industry should start rising before the end of 2009.

2. CTA highlights the role that trucking plays in competitiveness to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food

Canadian Trucking Association appeared before the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food on June 2, 2009 to describe for members the integral role the trucking industry plays in support of a competitive agri-food. It indicated that barriers to the efficient and cost effective movement of goods, including border crossing fees, costs related to security programs, and increasingly complex shipper requirements that can erode competitiveness still remain.

3. New Alta trucking regs around the calendar corner

On July 1, 2009, Alberta's new Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation (CVSR) and the amended Vehicle Equipment Regulation (VER) go into effect. According to Alberta Transportation, the changes are necessary to ensure Alberta regulations are consistent with current Canadian and North American standards.

4. Government of Canada mandates transit work-rest rules

Proposed amendments to the *Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations* were announced by the Minister of Transport on June 3, 2009. It will reduce fatigue by restricting the hours transit employees governed by federal rules can drive. Three transit services are affected by this change: OC Transpo in Ottawa, Gatineau's Société de transport de l'Outaouais, and Transit – Windsor.

5. Canadian Truckers Seek Lower Border Costs

The Canadian Trucking Alliance in testimony before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food, said U.S. border crossing costs are affecting the ability of Canadian trucking companies to compete in a domestic transportation market. He noted the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

more than doubled the annual fee (to \$205) each truck must pay to enter the United States. The Western Hemisphere

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Traveler Initiative requires Canadian drivers to pay another \$87 for a passport or \$50 for a Free and Secure Trade Program (FAST) card. In addition, stricter U.S. emission standards are adding thousands of dollars to the cost of purchasing a truck.

6. Transport Canada invests to update motor vehicle test centre

The Government of Canada on June 5, 2009 announced that road users in Canada will benefit from a \$14.2 million investment designed to make improvements at Transport Canada's Motor Vehicle Test Centre in Blainville, Quebec.

7. Oberstar: Highway Bill to Redesign DOT

Oberstar, chairman of the US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is finishing a draft 800-page bill to restructure DOT and develop a comprehensive national transportation policy. The bill is to be introduced by the end of June 2009. DOT will have a high-level chief of intermodalism and a policy council of all modes that will meet regularly.

8. Government of Canada creates jobs with investment in Peace Bridge

On June 7, 2009, the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and the Member of Parliament for Niagara Falls, announced that the Government of Canada will invest up to \$1 million for improvements to the Canadian Customs Plaza at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie, Ontario. This contribution will be matched by an equivalent amount by the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority. Being a key component of the Continental Gateway and Trade Corridor, it will also support international trade and contribute to Canada's long-term economic prosperity.

9. Government of Canada presents an action plan for the National Capital Commission

On June 9, 2009, legislation was introduced in the House of Commons to amend the *National Capital Act*, the enabling statute of the National Capital Commission (NCC). The proposed amendments would make the NCC and the regulatory regime operations more transparent and will protect the Gatineau Park making the National Capital more attractive to residents and visitors.

10. Transport Ministers get on-board with CTA's call for an EOBR mandate

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) has received the support of Canada's transport ministers in its goal to implement a standard for the use of electronic on-board recorders (EOBRs). Developing a National Safety Code standard for EOBRs will need a great deal of consultation and may keep Canada's progress in harmony with that of the US.

11. Report Calls for New Direction in Transport Policy

A bipartisan think tank is calling for sweeping reform of U.S. transportation planning, infrastructure funding and federal oversight as part of this year's highway bill.

12. McGuinty Government Investing In Highway Infrastructure, Creating Jobs

The McGuinty government is investing a record \$2.4 billion in 2009 to keep Ontario's highways and bridges in top form and stimulate the economy - an increase of 24 percent over last year.

13. McGuinty Government Helps Municipal Transit Systems Meet Growing Demand

Through the Ontario Bus Replacement Program (OBRP), the Ontario government is investing \$50 million to help 47 municipalities across the province replace aging buses in their transit fleets.

14. Industry looking up, truckers tell surveyors

Truckers expressed a more hopeful outlook on the future of the economy in a recent survey by Transport Capital Partners, a trucking fleet consulting firm in the U.S. The results also confirm those of the Ontario Trucking Association Survey. Carriers believe that rates have bottomed and nearly half expect rates to be the same.

15. Transit Windsor Goes Hybrid Green

The City of Windsor's has unveiled new fully accessible hybrid transit buses for the Transit Windsor fleet. The 18 diesel-electric hybrid buses are the first alternative fuel buses for the City of Windsor's transit system. The introduction of these new buses highlights this city's focus on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG), reducing particulate matter emissions and improving fuel economy.

16. Roadcheck figures show trucking industry's commitment to safety

The national Roadcheck truck and driver statistics showed a 82% compliance rate for vehicles and 97% compliance rate for drivers in targeted enforcement this year. These statistics for Annual Safety 2009 Roadcheck displayed the trucking industry's high level of commitment to safety. CTA CEO Bradley said these inspection figures should not be seen as a plateau but as a challenge to make a safe industry even safer. He also sees a financial role for government beyond safety regulatory changes.

17. FedEx profits dive in fourth quarter

FedEx Corp.'s revenue took a 20% hit in the fourth quarter ended May 31, falling to \$7.85 billion from \$9.87 billion the previous year. FedEx also posted a net loss of \$876 million, up from last year's net loss of \$241 million. For the full fiscal

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year, FedEx's revenue was down 6% while net income was down 91%.

18. **Trucking suffers significant job losses in April: StatsCan**

The truck transportation sector shed 3,300 jobs in April 2009, the third worst of all service sectors. David Bradley, CEO of the Canadian Trucking Alliance said "This is a further indication that the trucking industry is still playing catch-up in terms of capacity reduction." When diesel prices rise the industry will be under further pressure.

GENERAL

1. Ottawa considering asset sales, from VIA Rail to Royal Canadian Mint

In light of the record deficits, privatization of entities such as the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, VIA Rail, the Royal Canadian Mint including other government properties are being reviewed. It is believed that iconic entities may be retained.

2. CIFFA and Logistics Institute announce partnership

The Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFFA) and Canadian Professional Logistics Institute (Logistics Institute) have announced their new Partnership in Professionalism. Through this partnership, both organizations said they will strengthen their roles as leaders in the global logistics community and establish a wider range of resources for members and the business community at large.

3. The National Travel and Tourism Coalition: It's Time to Engage with Government

A coalition of Canadian travel and tourism sector organizations called on lawmakers on June 4, 2009 to recognize the many significant challenges facing the industry. They wish to develop a new approach to tourism-related policy that can maximize Canada's potential.

4. EU, Canada Open Trade Talks

EU trade commissioner Catherine Ashton and Canadian trade minister Stockwell Day initiated negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement that could

provide as much as \$28.2 billion in additional benefits to the two economies. Bilateral EU-Canada trade in goods and services amounts to \$98.8 billion annually. EU is Canada's second-largest source of foreign investment.

5. Legislation to better protect Canadians from dangerous goods comes into force

On June 16, 2009, Bill C-9, an Act to amend the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992*, has received royal assent and comes into force. Canada's Transport Minister, John Baird, said it will keep Canadians safe and secure.

6. Travel between Canada and other countries

Travel to Canada increased 1.1% from March 2009 to April 2009 to just under 2.3 million trips. The majority of those inbound trips, about 1.9 million, were from the United States, a 0.7% increase from March 2009. Canadian trips abroad remained unchanged at 3.9 million trips over the same period. Travel from overseas countries increased 3.0% from March 2009 to 382,000 trips in April 2009.

7. Canada's tourism industry in a tailspin

The global recession has sent Canada's tourism industry into its longest depression (three consecutive quarters since 2001) since the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Tourism spending has so far fallen 2.4% during the current economic downturn. Spending by international visitors fell 5.7% in the first quarter -- the 14th drop in 17 quarters.

8. Government of Canada celebrates grand opening of new Central Valley Greenway

On June 27, 2009, the Central Valley Greenway, a new regional walking and cycling route that connects Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminster was opened. This unique greenway project will improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and allow people to take in the beautiful Vancouver scenery.

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