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Surety Association of Canada Announces 2020-2021 Board of Directors

December 9, 2020 – Mississauga, ON – The Surety Association of Canada (SAC) held its 29th Annual General Meeting virtually on December 3, 2020 where the slate of officers was presented and approved by the SAC membership as follows:

- Matt Baynton, Senior Vice President - Surety, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- Scott Beitel, Chief Operating Officer, PLATFORM
- Rob Burns, Senior Vice President, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada
- Robert Cristiano, Vice President, Everest Re Group Ltd.
- Ron Ferrero, Senior Vice President - Head of Surety, Partner Re
- Nicolas Gagnon, Partner, Lavery, de Billy
- Steven Hastings, Vice President - Surety, Liberty Mutual Canada
- Steve Hogan, Senior Vice President - Ontario Surety Manager, Aon Canada
- Tom Krech, AVP - Surety, Chubb Insurance Company of Canada
- Raymond Llamas, AVP - Underwriting Director, CNA Surety
- Brent McAllister, Director - National Accounts, Zurich Insurance Company
- Darryll McDonald, Vice President - Surety, Echelon Insurance
- Paul McIntyre, Vice President - Surety, Euler Hermes North America Insurance Company
- Terry Michalakos, Vice President - Surety, Aviva Insurance Company of Canada
- Sarina Puccio, Team Leader for Credit – Surety & Political Risk, Munich Reinsurance Company of Canada, Ltd.
- Rick Shaban, Partner, Borden Ladner Gervais, LLP
- Mark Skanes, Vice President, Western Surety Company
- David Smith, National Vice President - Surety Leader, Intact Insurance
- Kevan Thompson, Account Executive, Jones DesLauriers Insurance Management Inc.

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Steven D. Ness, President of the Surety Association of Canada, stated: “We are grateful for the support and dedication of our association’s Board of Directors. We would like to express our profound appreciation to departing Director, Brian Logan of Intact Insurance, who has served on the Board for the past thirteen years. We also welcome a new Director, Sarina Puccio of Munich Re, and look forward to her involvement.”

During the event, Mr. Ness also expressed gratitude to Scott Beitel, who has served as the Chair of the Board for the past three years. The Executive will be designated for the next term at the Board of Directors meeting, which is scheduled in Spring 2021, where Mr. Beitel will be stepping down as Chair at that time.



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About the Surety Association of Canada:

The Surety Association of Canada (SAC) is the national trade advocacy association that represents the interests of the surety industry across Canada. Its members consist of primary surety firms, surety reinsurers, surety/insurance brokers, and other organizations that provide related and complementary services to the surety industry.

While the majority of the surety industry's premium revenue is derived from construction contract bonds, SAC also represents the interests of those organizations that focus on non-contract or commercial surety. SAC does not represent or advocate on behalf of the fidelity bond industry.

Since its formation in 1992, SAC has become a trusted resource for construction purchasers, design professionals, contractors, suppliers and other stakeholders in construction and business communities. SAC has developed its own bond forms in response to industry need and in consultation with the construction industry.

SAC and its members regularly meet with owners, contractors, other associations, and related organizations to educate them about surety bonds and the suretyship process. SAC also monitors legislation across the country that will impact its members and works diligently to advance the surety cause with lawmakers and government officials.