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Minister Day Announces Appointment of New Chairperson of Canadian Commercial Corporation

The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, today announced that Robert Kay will serve as the new chairperson of the board of directors of the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC).

Mr. Kay has been serving as a member of the corporation's board of directors since December 2007.

"I am very pleased that Mr. Kay has accepted to serve for three years as the chairperson of CCC," said Minister Day. "He has served with distinction since his appointment to the board, and I know he will continue to provide excellent advice and leadership at the helm of CCC as it continues to help Canadian businesses succeed abroad."

For many years, Mr. Kay provided advice and counsel to both the private sector and government to facilitate the strategic development of international business. Mr. Kay is a lawyer by profession. His past positions include member and adjudicator on the Ontario Municipal Board, senior vice-president and general counsel of Gateway Telecom, executive vice-president and chief operating officer of Worldtek (Canada) Ltd., and chief operating officer (international) of Brendan Wood International.

Mr. Kay replaces Alan Curleigh, who has served as chairperson since 2002.

"I would like to thank Mr. Curleigh for his contribution to CCC over the past seven years," said Minister Day. "He has been a driving force behind many of the strengthened risk, governance and contract practices at CCC."

As Canada's international contracting agency for over 60 years, CCC has assisted thousands of Canadian exporters with its contracting and procurement expertise and unique relationships with foreign government buyers. It supports companies contracting in the defence sector and in emerging and developing markets. In 2008-09, CCC set a record-high business volume of \$1.8 billion as it helped over 200 companies negotiate contracts in more than 35 countries.

CCC reports to Parliament through the Minister of International Trade.

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