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The Frontier Duty Free Association announces Appointment of New President

Ottawa, ON (December 6, 2010) – The Frontier Duty Free Association 2011 Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Abe Taqtaq as President. He also assumes the role of Chair of the FDFA Government Relations Committee and Code of Ethics.

The Frontier Duty Free Association (FDFA) is the industry association representing the interests of Canada's duty free shops. Active membership includes 28 Canadian Land Border Duty Free Shops, as well as associate members including Canadian Airport and U.S. Land Border Duty Free Shops, trade supplier members and other interested parties.

The FDFA promotes the development of Canada's land border duty free industry as a voice, advocate and business resource for members by acting as liaison between members and the Federal Government's Duty Free Shop Program (Canada Border Services Agency) and lobbying on behalf of members with all levels of government.

The Frontier Duty Free Association fosters a highly competitive Canadian Land Border Duty Free Industry that is vibrant, creative, progressive and best-in-class among land border and airport duty free retailers around the world. The association represents the members with other industry related associations such as the Canadian Tourism Board, Retail Council of Canada and Tourism Association of Canada.

As Vice-President of Windsor-Detroit Tunnel Duty Free Shop Inc, Abe brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this new position. "I look forward to working with all members, stakeholders and government representatives over my term to continue the success of the Canadian Duty Free Program and making it a world leader in the industry".

Abe has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Economics from University of Western Ontario and Graduate Diploma in chartered Accountancy from McGill University.

He has also served on the Frontier Duty Free Association Board of Directors in 2003 – 2004.

Abe and his wife Mona live in Windsor with their son Andrew.

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