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AIAC appoints new President and Chief Executive Officer

Jim Quick to replace Claude Lajeunesse as head of AIAC

OTTAWA, June 15 2011 –The Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC), the voice of the Canadian aerospace industry, today announced the appointment of Mr. James Quick as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Quick has several years of experience restructuring not-for-profit organizations and building high-performance organizations. Prior to joining the AIAC, Jim Quick was President of Canadian Paint and Coatings Association (CPCA). He previously held the position of Assistant Deputy Minister of corporate communications with the government of New Brunswick (GNB). He also spent time at a regional healthcare corporation and served four federal cabinet ministers as a senior political and policy advisor.

“I am pleased and honoured to be appointed as President and CEO. This is a very exciting time for the aerospace industry in Canada and I look forward to working with members as we continue to transform AIAC as the national voice of the sector.” said Mr. Quick.

Nominated at AIAC’s Board of Directors meeting on May 30, 2011. Mr. Quick’s term will officially begin on June 23, 2011.

Dr. Claude Lajeunesse, current President & CEO of AIAC served for nearly three and a half years. “On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, I wish to sincerely thank Claude for the impressive accomplishments realized under his leadership. He has strengthened the voice of our association and defined a comprehensive strategic business plan that will serve us well as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of AIAC in November. I also welcome Mr. Jim Quick in his new role and look forward to working with him to the enhancement of the competitiveness of our great industry,” said John Saabas, Chairman of the Board of AIAC and President of Pratt & Whitney Canada.

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The AIAC is the national association representing Canada’s aerospace manufacturing and services sector. As the world’s fifth largest aerospace industry, Canada’s aerospace sector generated in 2009 more than \$22 billion and employed nearly 80,000 Canadians. Seventy-eight per cent of Canadian aerospace products were exported. AIAC represents the interests of 400 aerospace companies across Canada.

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