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Appointment to the Canada Revenue Agency Board of Management

Ottawa, Ontario, October 27, 2009... Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of National Revenue and Minister of State (Agriculture and Agri-Food), today announced the appointment of Mr. John Victor Firth to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Board of Management. Mr. Firth was nominated by the Yukon Territory.

“Mr. Firth’s wealth of experience in the financial services and his vast expertise as a director of numerous private and not-for-profit boards will help strengthen the Board’s important oversight role,” said Minister Blackburn. “The Board is an integral part of the Agency’s unique governance structure, and I am confident that Mr. Firth’s membership will benefit the work of the Board in the years to come.”

While the Minister of National Revenue retains full accountability to Parliament and to Canadian citizens for all CRA activities, the Board of Management is responsible for overseeing the organization and administration of the Agency and the management of its resources, services, property, personnel, and contracts. The Board brings a forward-looking, strategic perspective to the CRA’s operations and fosters sound management and service delivery.

The Act to establish the Canada Revenue Agency specifies the establishment of a Board of Management. The Board comprises 15 members, including the Chair, the Commissioner, 11 directors nominated by the provinces and territories, and 2 directors nominated by the Federal Government. All members are appointed by the Governor General in Council. The Act requires that each director nominated by a province or a territory must be selected by the Governor General in Council from a list of nominees submitted by the Minister responsible for revenue administration in the province or the territory, or by another Minister that the province or the territory designates.

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