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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chair of the Board of Governors of the Radiation Safety Institute of Canada, Tim Armstrong, announced today that the President and CEO of the Institute has advised that he will be retiring in early fall of this year.

“Fergal Nolan, MA, DPhil, has led the Institute with distinction since shortly after its founding in 1980 as a federal, not-for-profit charitable corporation”, Mr. Armstrong said. “Over the ensuing years, he has successfully pursued two principal strategic priorities. The first and most urgent was to secure the protection of Canada’s uranium miners, prompted by the lung cancer deaths of more than 220 miners in Northern Ontario from exposure to excessive radiation. The second is the continuing education of workers and the public about the potential health effects of radiation exposure. The Institute’s research, undertaken under Dr. Nolan’s direction, revealed that a substantial number of non-nuclear workers in Canada are subject to workplace radiation exposure and require both education and monitoring. As a result, the on-going training activities which he launched now extend to workers in many other industries, including construction, manufacturing, the oil and gas industry, healthcare, universities and government, to name a few. His leadership, vision and dedication in all of these activities have been truly remarkable”.

Dr. Nolan, in communicating his retirement decision to Mr. Armstrong, said:

“It has been my privilege to have served in the position of President & CEO for most of the Institute’s history. I believe that we have played a major role in one of the most important areas of occupational health and safety, starting with Elliott Lake uranium miners, continuing to monitor the exposure of those now working in Saskatchewan uranium mines, and more recently expanding our training, educational and information services to other industries and to the public at large. Throughout, the assistance and support and encouragement of the volunteer Board of Governors has been crucial to me and to the Institute’s achievements across Canada”.

Mr. Armstrong was pleased to announce that Dr. Nolan has agreed to continue to provide advice and assistance under a part-time consulting contract, aimed at establishing a centre of global excellence for the Institute – The International Centre for Education and Public Policy – expanding the Institute’s services to the international community through valuable contacts already made by Dr. Nolan with a variety of key organizations, including the United Nation’s International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Chemical, Energy and Mine Workers Union in connection with its ongoing work in Africa and parts of the Americas, and the Witwatersrand University School of Mines in South Africa, among others.

