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ITAC welcomes participation on Crop Logistics Working Group

The Inland Terminal Association of Canada is pleased to be included among the organizations represented on the newly established Crop Logistics Working Group. The Working Group was announced by Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz at the ITAC annual convention on November 7.

ITAC's representative to the Working Group will be Rob Davies, the Chief Executive Officer of Weyburn Inland Terminal. WIT is one of 10 ITAC members, each of which has at least 50 per cent farmer ownership.

"Rob's depth of knowledge and experience makes him a natural choice to be the ITAC representative," notes ITAC executive director Kevin Hursh. "ITAC is hopeful that the move to Rail Service Agreements can improve the flow of grain to export position and it's great to have input into the implementation process."

The Working Group is also tasked with addressing issues related to the transition to marketing freedom. Independent grain handlers need continued access to rail cars. As well, some ITAC members have no direct ties to port facilities and they require port access in order to remain a competitive option for producers.

More information on the Inland Terminal Association of Canada is available at www.inlandterminal.ca.

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(Note: Hursh will have email access, but will be unavailable to take phone calls from November 11 to 19.)