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The Labour Market Group announces 2009/10 Executive Committee

NORTH BAY, ONTARIO March 9 2009 – The Labour Market Group (formerly The Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound Local Training and Adjustment Board) announced that Derek Shogren, Manager of Canadian Tire – North Bay was re-elected as the Business Co-Chair during the Labour Market Group’s last Board of Director’s meeting. Sharing the Co-Chair role, representing Labour, is Ernie Giroux of Atlas Copco. At the same meeting, Rich Stivrins, Owner/Captain of Chief Commanda, was elected as Treasurer, while Mary Kolz, retired Vice Principal of Adult Learning with the Nipissing –Parry Sound District Catholic School Board, and Darrin Caron, Dean of Trades and Technology at Canadore College, were elected as Members at Large.

The Executive Committee makes up a five member team comprising local business and labour representatives. All members serve a one-year term.

The Labour Market Group is governed by a Board of Directors who represent the community. Business and Labour Directors are typically nominated to the Board by Chambers of Commerce and Labour Directors are delegates of the district Labour Councils. Other members are nominated to the Board and are chosen based on their community connections to specific sector groups and agencies. Each Director, a representative of his/her community is expected to be the liaison between the community and the Board, bringing forward information and input on the various local labour force trends and issues

Andrea Stoppa, Acting Executive Director of the Labour Market Group, stated, “This is an exciting and challenging time for our Training Board. We are fortunate to have the guidance of an elected leadership with the experience and varied sector representation that we have on our Executive Committee.”

The Labour Market Group is one of 21 boards across Ontario that is a not-for-profit, community based organization. The Board consists of volunteers who represent a variety of labour market sectors including Business, Labour, Education, Marginalized Workers, and three levels of government.

Annually, the Board engages the communities of Nipissing, and Parry Sound in a labour market planning process that results in a labour force Trends, Opportunities and Priorities

(TOP) report. The Board then works collaboratively with community agencies to develop solutions to these priorities by addressing local labour market needs.

The TOP report consolidates a considerable volume of information so that community planning can be undertaken with the full knowledge of the most recent workforce trends in the catchment area. Thus the TOP report serves as a strategic tool for the purpose of building community partnerships. The Board, its staff and community stakeholders employ the TOP report as a key source of labour market information and a long term community action plan for labour force development.

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