



Guy Bujold Steps Down as President and CEO of CANARIE Jim Roche, Chairman of the Board, to Provide Interim Executive Leadership

February 1, 2010 (Ottawa, Ontario) - CANARIE, Canada's advanced research and innovation network, today announced that Guy Bujold has decided to step down as the President and CEO of CANARIE for personal reasons. He will continue to serve as a strategic advisor to CANARIE, enabling the corporation to leverage his many years of experience in Canada's innovation system. Jim Roche, current Chair of the Board, will serve as interim President and CEO of the corporation until a successor is appointed. Mark Whitmore, immediate past-Chair of CANARIE's board and Dean, Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba, will resume his previous role as Chair. These changes are effective immediately.

"It has been an honour to work with our dedicated employees and its Board of Directors. I would like to thank them for their unwavering support," said Guy Bujold, "Together with our partners, they are charting a new path for CANARIE and for Canada—one that will open a world of new research possibilities for Canadian scientists and their collaborators. This promises to increase the impact of CANARIE, and enable new discoveries that contribute to our prosperity and quality of life."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank Guy for his strong contribution to CANARIE", said Jim Roche. "Under his leadership, CANARIE has continued to expand Canada's advanced networking capability, create new programs that allow researchers to put this capacity to work in new ways, and accelerate discovery. I look forward to working with the employees and stakeholders of CANARIE on the delivery of its mandate, advancing Canada's agenda in research and innovation."

Jim Roche brings more than 25 years of executive leadership to CANARIE as interim President and CEO. Not only is he a highly successful entrepreneur - as a founder of Newbridge Networks in 1986, Tundra Semiconductor Corporation in 1995 and his more current endeavour, Stratford Managers Corporation - he brings a wealth of experience with organizations similar to CANARIE. He is currently on the board of CMC Microsystems where he previously served as interim CEO. He is also a past chair of Precarn, a non-profit organization also funded by Industry Canada. He brings this experience and his leadership to bear as CANARIE undertakes the development of a new strategic plan and proposal for renewal.

"I have every confidence in Jim and the CANARIE staff as we work with our many partners and stakeholders over the next few months towards further shaping the vision for CANARIE building on its role as a provider of critical infrastructure required to support a healthy innovation system," said Mark Whitmore.

The Board of Directors has initiated an executive search to recruit a new President and CEO.

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About CANARIE:

CANARIE Inc. is Canada's Advanced Research and Innovation Network. Established in 1993, CANARIE manages an ultra high-speed network, hundreds of times faster than the internet, which facilitates leading-edge research and big science across Canada and around the world. More than 39,000 researchers at nearly 200 Canadian universities and colleges use the CANARIE Network, as well as researchers at institutes, hospitals, and government laboratories throughout the country. The CANARIE Network enables researchers to share and analyze massive amounts of data, which can lead to ground-breaking scientific discoveries. CANARIE's network, programs, and strategic partnerships with 12 regional networks in Canada, and 100 international networks in more than 80 countries, stimulate research that delivers economic, social, and cultural benefits to Canadians.

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