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BC FERRIES' PRESIDENT & CEO ENDORSES BC SAFETY CHARTER Signing ceremony highlights BC Ferries' commitment to workplace safety

VICTORIA – BC Ferries' President & CEO Mark Collins is the latest executive to join the BC Safety Charter, a move that highlights the company's commitment to improving and promoting workplace safety. The signing ceremony took place this morning at BC Ferries' head office in Victoria, British Columbia.

"Safety is our highest value. Maintaining a safe environment for our customers and employees requires our continued focus and diligence," said Mark Collins, BC Ferries' President and CEO. "Joining the BC Safety Charter is an opportunity to engage with, and learn from, others who are equally as passionate about enhancing and promoting workplace safety."

The business case for effective management of health and safety is well documented. Promoting safety, health and wellness in the workplace reduces injury rates, increases productivity and is good for a company's long-term success. BC Safety Charter members share a vision to make British Columbia the safest place to work in Canada. To achieve this, member organizations start with a commitment from leadership to advocate for workplace health and safety and make improvements where possible.

"We are excited to have Mr. Collins endorse the BC Safety Charter, with the support of BC Ferries behind him," said George Higgins, Director, BC Safety Charter. "Leading as responsible corporate citizens and encouraging our peers to join us, BC Safety Charter members can not only build sustainable businesses, but also reduce injury rates and influence workplace health and safety across the province."

"The strength of the BC Safety Charter is the shared commitment of its members," added Lisa McGuire, CEO, Manufacturing Safety Alliance of BC. "We are honoured to have Mr. Collins join our ranks and look forward to working together with him and the team at BC Ferries toward our shared vision of ensuring BC workers go home to their families safe and well at the end of every workday."

"Since the implementation of our SailSafe program in 2006, we have worked diligently to lead by example, promoting a culture of safety and wellness across our operations," added Collins. "We cannot let our guard down. I look forward to collaborating with other BC Safety Charter members to evolve the safety mandate within our organization."

Mark Collins will be the keynote speaker at the BC Safety Charter Round Table, April 30, 2020 at the Vancouver Club.

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About BC Ferries

BC Ferries is one of the largest ferry operators in the world and carries 22 million passengers and 8.7 million vehicles per year. BC Ferries provides frequent year-round ferry transportation services to the west coast of Canada on 25 routes, currently supported by 36 vessels and 47 terminals, and manages other remote routes through contracts with independent operators.

About the BC Safety Charter

The BC Safety Charter challenges British Columbia executives to step out as leaders in workplace safety. Membership brings together executives who believe that effectively managing health and safety is essential to long-term profitability and sustainability. BC Safety Charter members actively work together to reduce workplace injuries and to spread the message to other leaders. Originally an initiative of the Manufacturing Safety Alliance of BC, the BC Safety Charter membership today includes leaders from across BC industry and public service.



BC Safety Charter official signing, August 27, 2019 in Victoria

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