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## **Appointment of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec**

**Montréal, March 5, 2009**—Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for Infrastructure Monique Jérôme-Forget today announced the appointment of Robert Tessier to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec. “I am delighted that Mr. Tessier, a worthy individual who brings to the position his vast experience and impressive achievements, has agreed to accept this challenge against the current backdrop,” the Finance Minister noted.

Mr. Tessier will instil considerable rigour in the Caisse’s governance. His first task will be to make in the very near future recommendations to the government concerning the choice of the next President and CEO of the Caisse and the composition of the Board of Directors. “Our government is working actively to ensure stability at the Caisse,” the Minister said.

The Minister believes that Mr. Tessier’s decision reflects his keen sense of government. Moreover, she noted that Mr. Tessier has served under several governments as a senior civil servant in the public sector, in particular as secretary of the Conseil du trésor and deputy minister in the ministère de l’Énergie et des Ressources naturelles.

In addition to his experience in the public sector, Robert Tessier has occupied many key positions in the private sector, including the chairmanship of Groupe MIL, Alstom Canada and Gaz Métro. He also has extensive experience as a company director, in particular on the boards of directors of AXA Canada and CGI Group. His appointment as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec takes effect today.

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