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Coastal Pacific Xpress Inc. strikes deal to expand service to Vancouver Island and within Metro Vancouver

Agreement will generate 75 new jobs at trucking company amid challenging economic times; CPx also inks exclusive deal with Catalyst Paper

Surrey, B.C., May 30, 2008 - Coastal Pacific Xpress Inc. OF Cloverdale, B.C. (CPx) will offer its customers expanded transportation service within Metro Vancouver and between Vancouver and Vancouver Island as a result of a new strategic alliance formed with Van Isle Barge Services Ltd.

Van Isle is a division of 3PLogix, an integrated, intermodal transportation company based in Vancouver.

CPx, a privately owned, long-haul trucking company, plans to serve the business sectors that ProLink Freightways, also a division of 3Plogix, will exit as part of the strategic alliance.

CPx assumes the business effect June 1, 2008.

“It is significant that CPx is expanding its business during times of economic uncertainty,” said company president and co-owner Jim Mickey. “With this deal, our company immediately grows its business by 25 per cent.”

The newly acquired business will also generate 75 new jobs at CPx.

CPx anticipates the deal will bring greater stability and efficiency to its diverse customer base. It believes strong partnerships with water, road, rail, and air transport providers delivers the best combination of transportation infrastructure for clients.

“In today’s hyper-competitive retail market, a transportation provider must be all things to all people, and the only way to do that effectively is to partner with the best,” according to Glen Parsons, co-owner and Vice-President of Marketing at CPx. “That is what we have done.”

Along with the deal to assume ProLink’s business, CPx also announced it has reached a new multi-year exclusive agreement to transport all paper products manufactured at Catalyst Paper’s Port Alberni paper mill to the Catalyst distribution facility on the B.C. mainland. The long-term mutual commitment will give the mill financial and stability in its transportation services. “This indicates that CPx intends to commit for the long term to the Vancouver Island lane,” said Mr. Mickey.

While CPx has had a presence on Vancouver Island for many years, serving its fresh produce and farm-fish customers, this latest business arrangement demonstrates a shift in long-term strategy on the island. “Much of CPx’s attention will focus on this traffic lane,” said Mr. Mickey. “We’ve committed significant resources here for the long haul.”

About CPx: *The Company is a long-haul trucking firm based in Surrey, B.C. Customers include major brands in the food, grocery, and electronics sector. CPx has been recognized over the years as an employer of choice and a fast-growing company. In April 2008, it received recognition, for the second consecutive year, ranking No. 26 among 50 national employers on the Best Places to Work list. It advanced from 33rd position on the list last year and was the only trucking firm on the national list in each year. Other awards include the 2007 ranking in B.C. Business as the No. 3 best workplace in the province and*

the 2007 placement on Profit Magazine's List of 100 Canadian fastest-growing companies.

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