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Appointment of Gordon Cameron as Special Assistant to *Amicus Curiae*

Ottawa, December 8, 2004 - Mr. Ron Atkey P.C., Q.C. *Amicus Curiae* to the Arar Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Gordon Cameron as his special assistant. Mr. Atkey was appointed *Amicus Curiae* or "Friend of the Court" by Commissioner Dennis R. O'Connor to make submissions with respect to government requests to maintain confidentiality over certain information for National Security reasons.

Gordon Cameron is a Partner in the Ottawa office of Blake, Cassels & Graydon, where his legal practice is focused on administrative and commercial litigation. Since his call to the Bar in 1987, Mr. Cameron has appeared as counsel before all of the Ontario Courts, the Federal Courts and the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as before numerous administrative tribunals. Mr. Cameron also acts as counsel to several federal agencies and tribunals. He has extensive experience in proceedings pertaining to media and public access to information in the context of considerations of national security, and acts as counsel to the Security Intelligence Review Committee in investigations into matters pertaining to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

Since completing his graduate law degree at Oxford in 1985, Mr. Cameron has been an adjunct professor teaching the Law of Remedies, first at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and, since his move to Ottawa in 1990, at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law. He has also published articles on legal issues and has been an instructor for the Law Society of Upper Canada Bar Admission Courses.

Mr. Cameron's appointment is effective immediately.

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Established under Part I of the Inquiries Act, the Arar Inquiry was set up on the recommendation of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness to investigate and report on the actions of Canadian officials in relation to Maher Arar. The Commissioner is also mandated to make recommendations that he considers advisable on an arm's length review mechanism for the activities of the RCMP with respect to national security.

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