Vehicle Manufacturers Urge Governments to Secure Detroit River International Crossing Without Delay

Toronto, May 20, 2010: The Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers Association (CVMA) whose members include Canada’s leading manufacturers of cars and heavy trucks fully supports the strong partnership between legislators and governments on both sides of the Canada-United States border and encourages them to proceed with securing the new international crossing at the Windsor–Detroit gateway without delay.

With the highly integrated automotive industry between Canada and the United States, automotive trade is worth roughly $100 Billion annually, with the majority of production parts and finished vehicles flowing through the Windsor-Detroit gateway. As a result, the industry has long supported additional infrastructure capacity in the Windsor-Detroit corridor in order to help support existing automotive manufacturing in both Canada and the US, and will help make the region more attractive for future jobs and economic growth.

The CVMA and its member companies applauded the offer made recently by the Government of Canada to fund up to an additional $550 million towards the construction of the much needed additional international crossing between Windsor and Detroit. The Association is hopeful that the additional support offered by the Government of Canada towards this additional crossing will help eliminate the remaining hurdles towards moving this infrastructure investment forward and along with it, the plan to improve international trade and commerce through this region.

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About the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers’ Association

The Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers’ Association is the industry association that has represented Canada’s leading manufacturers of light and heavy duty motor vehicles for more than 80 years. Its membership includes Chrysler Canada Inc.; Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited; General Motors of Canada Limited; and Navistar Canada, Inc.

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