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SNC-Lavalin Rail & Transit experts congregate at the UITP Summit to discuss the future of transportation

MONTREAL: May 12, 2017 - SNC-Lavalin's Rail and Transit experts from offices across the globe will be congregating at the UITP (Union Internationale des Transports Publics / International Association of Public Transport) Global Public Transport Summit at the Palais des congrès in Montréal May 13-17 to showcase the company's end-to-end services and its formidable position to adapt to the constantly evolving needs of its clients.

SNC-Lavalin is proud to sponsor the President's Dinner (May 13). Ian Edwards, SNC-Lavalin President of Infrastructure, will be speaking at this occasion. Mr. Edwards said: "We are proud to sponsor this year's event as 2017 marks the 375th anniversary of Montreal, a city which has been our home for over 100 years. During this time, SNC-Lavalin has developed public transit systems across this vast nation and overseas."

Transport planning expert and economist, Catherine Laplante, Director of Strategic Asset Management for SNC-Lavalin, will take part in a panel discussion entitled 'Can rail systems survive current multiple challenges?' at 9 am on Wednesday, May 17.

The company's Group Managing Director of Rail & Transit Engineering Richard George, published a new paper to coincide with the UITP Summit. In his editorial, "The New World of Autonomous Transport and the Shape of Future Transport Infrastructure", George discusses the place of more 'traditional' railway solutions within the overall changing transport mix.

Visit SNC-Lavalin Experts at Booth 2C136

Throughout the exhibition, our Rail & Transit experts will present a selection of some of our transportation projects at booth 2C136. These include the Evergreen Line (Vancouver), iBUS (Montréal), the Purple Line (Washington D.C.) and High Speed Two (London, UK). Moreover, delegates can learn about the role of Digital Services in providing a better ridership experience and overall more efficient management of transportation schemes.

Notes to Editors

"Can rail systems survive current multiple challenges?"- Panel Discussion: 9am – Wednesday, May 17

Multiple megatrends have major influence on the delivery of rail assets and services. The session sets out to propose high-level discussions between (urban) rail operators to exchange ideas on how to shape the sector to respond to tomorrow's challenges. With their features of long cycles and capital and human intensive business models, can rail systems be agile enough to adapt and survive the digital age?

Catherine Laplante

As an economist, Catherine has 25 years of experience in transport planning. She has become highly knowledgeable in large-scale project execution processes within multidisciplinary teams and has developed the ability to synthesize

information to generate financial/cost-benefit analysis, economic impact analyses and risk assessments for numerous major infrastructure feasibility studies in Quebec and abroad. She has carried out multiple travel demand analyses for both freight and passenger transportation involving extensive characterization of past, present and future travel patterns with regards to changing travel conditions. She has worked in freight and passenger sectors and has undertaken transport forecasts and market share analyses as well as wider project analysis.

Richard George

A Managing Director with experience in the Transport and Engineering Sectors. Richard is probably best known for being the Director of Transport for LOCOG for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012, but he has been working in and around the UK Rail Industry since 1977. Richard is now responsible for nearly 1,500 engineers worldwide at SNC-Lavalin working on rail and transit projects in Canada, USA, UK, Australia, Malaysia, South Africa, Sweden and Norway. He is also the Regional Manager for the European operations.

Evergreen Line

The Evergreen Line is the latest addition to Vancouver's successful SkyTrain passenger system. This 11-kilometre long extension opened in early December 2016. SNC-Lavalin has a long history of working on SkyTrain projects in the Vancouver area, with staff contributing to various aspects of the light rail transit system since its inception. The Evergreen extension is expected to attract 50,000 riders a day during 2017, its first year of operations.

iBUS

The Société de transport de Montréal (STM) launched the iBUS project. The Transit Fleet Management and Passenger Information System proposed by SNC-Lavalin allows the STM to better operate their 1,800 buses by providing real time passenger information via different media (telephone, text, web) and multiple interfaces with other corporate systems (schedules, vehicle maintenance, etc.).

Purple Line

The Purple Line is a 16.2 mile (26 km) light railway line that will provide a fresh east-west connection through the Maryland suburbs of the US capital city. A 'P3' project worth approximately \$2 billion, the Purple Line will have 21 stations. It will connect four Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metro stations, Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) and Amtrak train services, and local bus services on completion. SNC-Lavalin is working as the rolling stock adviser as part of the project consortium.

High Speed Two

High Speed Two (HS2) is the UK's most ambitious high speed rail project in over a century: providing fast, comfortable trains linking the North and Midlands with London. High Speed Two Limited (HS2 Ltd) is the company responsible for developing and promoting the UK's new high speed rail network. In 2015, SNC-Lavalin, in partnership with Arup, was appointed Rolling Stock and Depots - Design and Technical Adviser by HS2 Ltd. Major construction of phase one of the HS2 project commences in 2018.

Digital Services and Connecting the Dots

More than ever before passengers demand reliability and an excellent service. As technology advances, the opportunity to provide a wealth of information previously undiscovered helps operators, owners and passengers in making connections. It is these new connections that improve decision making, efficiency, safety and satisfaction. SNC-Lavalin engages with its clients at a business and operational level to support the rail and transit industry in making these connections.

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