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Columbia National Investments Announces Proposal to Build Ocean Port at McNabb Valley

(Abbotsford, B.C.) – Columbia National Investments Ltd. (CNI) is proposing to build an international ocean port on land owned by CNI at McNabb Valley on the Sunshine Coast, Steve Dunton, CNI CEO announced recently. The site of the proposed port is approximately 5 km eastward up Howe Sound from Port Mellon and historically has been used mainly for industrial purposes. The property is 803 acres of relatively flat terrain with 1.5 km of deep-water ocean frontage.

“This port facility is much needed,” said Dunton. “It is common knowledge that, B.C. ports do not have the capacity necessary to keep up with international demand. It has been widely forecast in the media by industry experts such as Captain Gord Houston, president and CEO of The Vancouver Port Authority that Vancouver could soon be in a crisis because traffic is expected to increase 300 per cent, mostly as a result of more demand from China. Building a port facility at McNabb Valley is a very positive step in increasing B.C.’s market share in Asia-Pacific trade.” He added: “Our proposal is to build a world-class port facility that will not only help to meet the growing international demand, but will also provide an excellent, high quality job base for both the Sunshine Coast and the Squamish area.”

CNI is committed to working with both federal and provincial governments as well as with the Sunshine Coast Regional District with the objective of turning this proposal into a reality. Plans include building the infrastructure necessary to connect this facility with existing rail lines and roadways. CNI is currently in discussion with several potential partners on this project, including several international and local port operators.

CNI is one of B.C.’s leading commercial and residential land companies, with numerous active projects in B.C. including the Fraser Valley and Sunshine Coast. CNI works to build communities that respect the need for comfortable and safe living conditions while protecting the natural environment. CNI is committed to environmentally responsible development, including providing extensive greenspace features both in the form of undisturbed greenbelts and groomed parks for the preservation of natural settings and the enjoyment of residents.

CNI was founded in 1992 by brothers Herb Dunton and Steve Dunton. The company is committed to building quality smart growth business and residential communities that respect the land and the environment and that meet the needs of people. The founders and the CNI Team place a high priority on integrity, principled ethics and philanthropic contributions to both local and global communities.

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