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Surety Association of Canada Recognizes the 2019 Graduating Class of the Associateship of Canadian Surety Bonding Designation Program

November 14, 2019 – Mississauga, ON – The Surety Association of Canada (SAC) held its 28th Annual General Meeting and Awards Gala Dinner event on September 18 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. During the Awards Gala Dinner event, the association recognized the 2019 Graduating Class of the Associateship of Canadian Surety Bonding (A.C.S.B.) Designation Program. Graduating students that were presented with Designation Certificates were as follows:

- Vania Azevedo, The Guarantee Company of North America
- Kevin Cahill, Western Surety Company
- Alina Didyk, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- Paul Dragos, Chubb Insurance Company of Canada
- Farah Harun, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada
- Sheriar Irani, The Guarantee Company of North America
- Kyle Jackson, Aviva Canada Inc.
- Rajdeep Kahlon, Marsh Canada Limited
- Brandon Kassies, HUB International HKMB Limited
- Trent Kavanagh, Aon Canada
- Peter Lewin, Echelon Insurance
- Yin Liu, Intact Insurance
- Jamie Magnussen, Rogers Insurance Ltd.
- Mathew James Manol, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- Harpreet Sadana, MHK Insurance
- Nataliya Solonina, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- Emily Thompson, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- Margaret Weglicka, Aon Canada

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“On behalf of SAC’s Board of Directors and Staff, we would like to congratulate this year’s graduates on achieving their designation as Associate of Canadian Surety Bonding”, stated Steven D. Ness, President of the Surety Association of Canada. “This year’s graduates join the 188 individuals who have received the A.C.S.B. Designation since the start of the program...bravo!”

The A.C.S.B. Designation Program aims to provide students with a theoretical and practical understanding of suretyship through a comprehensive review of surety bonds and related process. The program is intended for those who plan on embarking on a career in the surety industry. Since September 1998, the program has been offered in partnership with the University of Toronto’s School of Continuing Studies. SAC recently announced that starting in January 2020 the association has entered into a new partnership with McMaster University Continuing Education to offer the program.

Students who are enrolled in the A.C.S.B. Designation Program are required to complete four (4) core courses which include Principles of Suretyship, Contract Surety, Construction & Surety Law and Introductory Financial Accounting, as well as two (2) elective courses covering a wide range of business skills. All courses are offered through a distance/online learning platform.

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From left to right:

Steven D. Ness, President, Surety Association of Canada;

Accepting on behalf of Yin Liu - Brian Logan, Director Corporate Surety, Intact Insurance;

Scott Beitel, Chief Operating Officer, PLATFORM & SAC Board Chair;

and David Smith, Senior Vice President & Head of Canadian Surety, The Guarantee Company of North America

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From left to right:

Steven D. Ness, President, Surety Association of Canada;

Margaret Weglicka, Associate Account Manager, Aon Canada;

Scott Beitel, Chief Operating Officer, PLATFORM & SAC Board Chair;

and David Smith, Senior Vice President & Head of Canadian Surety, The Guarantee Company of North America

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Steven D. Ness, President, Surety Association of Canada;

Paul Dragos, Underwriter, Surety, Chubb Insurance Company of Canada;

Scott Beitel, Chief Operating Officer, PLATFORM & SAC Board Chair;

and David Smith, Senior Vice President & Head of Canadian Surety, The Guarantee Company of North America

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About the Surety Association of Canada:

The Surety Association of Canada (SAC) is the national trade advocacy association that represents the interests of the surety industry across Canada. Its members consist of primary surety firms, surety reinsurers, surety/insurance brokers, and other organizations that provide related and complementary services to the surety industry.

While the majority of the surety industry's premium revenue is derived from construction contract bonds, SAC also represents the interests of those organizations that focus on non-contract or commercial surety. SAC does not represent or advocate on behalf of the fidelity bond industry.

Since its formation in 1992, SAC has become a trusted resource for construction purchasers, design professionals, contractors, suppliers and other stakeholders in construction and business communities. SAC has developed its own bond forms in response to industry need and in consultation with the construction industry.

SAC and its members regularly meet with owners, contractors, other associations and related organizations to educate them about surety bonds and the suretyship process. SAC also monitors legislation across the country that will impact its members and works diligently to advance the surety cause with lawmakers and government officials.