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Subject: Support for CIAM's Airport Fuel Terminal Project

Dear Ms. Carrier,

I am writing to express the Air Transport Association of Canada's (ATAC) support for the new aviation fuel delivery system located in Montréal-Est, as proposed by the Corporation Internationale d'Avitaillement de Montréal (CIAM).

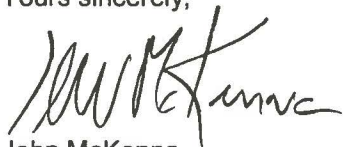
ATAC represents 169 members operating in Canada, U.S., Caribbean, South America and Europe. ATAC supports its members in their continued commitment to a safe, world leading and sustainable Canadian air transport industry.

ATAC met with representatives of CIAM, who provided a comprehensive explanation of their proposed fuel delivery system including the business and operational justification for the project. Currently, the demand for jet fuel at Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto International Airports exceeds the volume produced by refineries in Quebec and Ontario by approximately 50%. As a result, the supply of jet fuel to these airports is heavily dependent upon imports through marine terminal infrastructure. The airlines are importing a significant portion of this refinery production shortfall through one marine terminal. Given this limited capacity, there is a greater potential that a disruption in operations would occur if this infrastructure would become unavailable, even temporarily. Any significant disruption would have a ripple effect on several airlines and airports in both Quebec and the rest of Canada.

The proposed new system would improve the security of fuel supply while at the same time meet safety, environmental, technical and financial criteria. Further, the proposed infrastructure will significantly reduce the distance travelled by railcars and tanker trucks carrying jet fuel, thus reducing the impacts of ground transportation, such as GHG emissions.

ATAC believes that implementing CIAM's Aviation Fuel Terminal Project will ensure a more safe, reliable and economically competitive supply of jet fuel, and will sustain the long term needs of the airlines operating out of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto airports.

Yours sincerely,



John McKenna
President and Chief Executive Officer