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PERLEY-ROBERTSON, HILL & MCDUGALL WELCOMES ANDREW MCDUGALL AS HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION GROUP

OTTAWA, January 1, 2009 - Ottawa law firm Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall LLP/s.r.l. has launched an International Arbitration Group with the addition of Andrew de Lotbinière McDougall as a partner effective January 1, 2009. An Ottawa native, Mr. McDougall spent the last nine years based in Paris where he was an international arbitration partner with 2,400-lawyer leading international law firm White & Case LLP. He returns to his hometown with clients based around the world and years of experience in a broad range of cross-border disputes involving among other things joint ventures, oil & gas, construction, mergers & acquisitions, intellectual property, telecommunications, defence, power, mining, and other natural resources.

International arbitration is a highly specialized area increasingly in demand due to globalization and the complexity of international business transactions. "Our clients require solutions to problems that extend beyond borders," said Aaron Rubinoff, a senior partner with Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall. "The knowledge and expertise that Andrew brings to the firm enables us to better serve our clients whose business affairs are global in nature and contributes to attracting more international business to the firm."

Mr. McDougall acts as counsel and arbitrator and has argued cases involving disputes of up to several billion dollars in North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. Educated in Canada with degrees in common and civil law, he is fluent in English and French and qualified in Ontario, Québec, and England & Wales. A frequent speaker and writer on international arbitration and recognized in leading directories, he has taught international arbitration at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and has extensive experience in international arbitration advocacy training.

"I am delighted to be back in Canada at Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall, a highly respected law practice co-founded by my father and uncle," said Mr. McDougall. "I look forward to continuing my practice based in Ottawa and to building an international arbitration practice group at the firm. I believe that my experience will benefit the firm and its clients."



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