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BC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRAISES PREMIER'S ECONOMIC PLAN

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Vancouver, October 22, 2008 – The BC Chamber of Commerce applauded today as Premier Gordon Campbell unveiled a 10 point economic plan that will help British Columbians deal with the current global economic crisis by enhancing our competitiveness.

“We are very pleased to see the government taking such a strong leadership role in these difficult times,” said John Winter, President & CEO of the BC Chamber of Commerce. “We are particularly pleased by the Premier’s recognition that allowing businesses to invest in their future by reducing their tax burden is the best long term investment in our economic prosperity. This is exactly the sort of response that every Canadian should be able to expect from government at all levels; we in British Columbia are fortunate that our government has stepped up to the challenge.”

Among the steps that Premier Campbell outlined in his live address this evening, the Chamber is most impressed by the government’s commitment to accelerating tax cuts in several areas, ensuring that BC will have the lowest personal, small business, and corporate tax rates in the country by 2011.

“The government is to be commended for having struck a balance between investing in our future and maintaining a commitment to fiscal responsibility – not a simple thing to do,” remarked Winter. “When combined with the government’s commitment to an ongoing dialogue with British Columbians on how we can enhance our competitiveness and productivity, the Chamber believes BC business, and small business in particular, will be well positioned to prosper despite the economic upheaval.”

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