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### **Senior Management Appointments at Desjardins Group**

**Lévis (Québec), August 14, 2009** — As part of its new organizational structure, Desjardins Group announces the following appointments.

Ms. Christiane Bergevin has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice-President, Strategic Partnerships, office of the President of Desjardins Group. Ms. Bergevin's duties involve analyzing and carrying out business partnerships, acquisitions or other development projects for Desjardins in Québec, across Canada or abroad, in support to Desjardins Group's major business sectors.

Ms. Bergevin was Senior Vice-President and General Manager, Corporate Projects at SNC-Lavalin Group. She has held many key positions in that firm, notably as President of SNC-Lavalin Capital. Previously, she worked in real estate and gained international experience at Standard Life and Export Development Canada. Her appointment will be effective as of August 17, 2009.

Also, Mr. Richard Nadeau is joining Desjardins Group as Managing Director and Vice-Chairman, Desjardins Securities.

Until recently Mr. Nadeau was Senior Vice-President of TMX Group, responsible for managing listed issuers on the Toronto Stock Exchange. He also boasts over twenty years of experience in the banking sector, particularly in financing, risk management and capital issues for major corporate and institutional clients.

As part of his new duties, Mr. Nadeau will be renewing the Desjardins offer and overseeing business development with these clientele in support to the Business and Institutional Services Executive Division. Mr. Nadeau will start the new position on August 18, 2009.

Please note that this appointment is subject to the approval of the IIROC and of Desjardins Securities Board of Directors.

## About Desjardins Group

Desjardins Group is the largest cooperative financial group in Canada, and the ninth largest in the world, with overall assets of approximately \$160 billion. Drawing on the strength of its caisse network in Québec and Ontario, as well as its subsidiaries, several of which are active throughout Canada, Desjardins offers a full range of financial products and services to its 5.8 million individual and business members and clients. Desjardins Group is also home to a wealth of expertise in property and casualty insurance, life and health insurance, wealth management, services for businesses of all sizes, securities brokerage, venture capital, asset management and secure leading-edge virtual access methods, all part of an integrated offer that is the only one of its kind in Canada. One of the largest employers in the country, Desjardins is backed by the knowledge and skills of its 42,000 employees and the commitment of its 6,300 elected officers. To find out more, consult [www.desjardins.com](http://www.desjardins.com).

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