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CBIE WELCOMES NEW CHAIR-DESIGNATE: ROBERT McCULLOCH

Ottawa: The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) is pleased to announce the nomination of Dr. Robert G. McCulloch, President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST), as Chair-Designate of the Board of Directors. Following a year as Chair-Designate, Dr. McCulloch will become Chair in November 2007, succeeding Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Treasurer of the CBIE Board and its third Officer is Ms. Lucie Mercier-Gauthier, Associate Vice-President, Financial Resources, University of Ottawa.

CBIE is a national non-governmental organization comprised of 200 colleges, universities, school boards, educational organizations and businesses. CBIE is dedicated to the internationalization of education and the expansion of educational partnerships between Canada and countries across the globe.

"CBIE contributes valuable expertise to the internationalization of students' education, and to engaging our education sector in both development assistance and export projects," says Dr. McCulloch. "I am honoured to be part of CBIE; it's a vibrant organization, focusing on increasingly critical issues."

Dr. McCulloch is a strong advocate provincially, nationally and internationally of student-focused, quality programming, and of partnering with business, community

organizations and other educational institutions. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

A native of Rosetown, Saskatchewan, Dr. McCulloch pursued graduate studies at the University of Washington and the University of Saskatchewan. He received his doctorate from the University of Saskatchewan, where he had also studied as an undergraduate.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary provider of skills and technical training. SIAST delivers approximately 160 programs through a province-wide network of four campuses, distance education and online learning. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs; additionally, the organization draws almost 25,000 individual course registrations.

SIAST has a long history of working internationally. Since 1988, SIAST has delivered education and training services in more than 40 countries. Currently, SIAST is active in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, Ethiopia, Malawi, Yemen, Jordan, Slovakia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, India, Vietnam, Philippines and China.

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