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Minister Fontana Announces Board Appointment

OTTAWA, Ontario, April 19, 2005 — The Honourable Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing, today announced the appointment of Alexander Werzberger, of Montréal, to the Board of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for a three-year term.

"Mr. Werzberger has been a respected member of the housing industry for many years and has won many awards for his work," said Minister Fontana. "His experience on the boards of provincial organizations, along with his years of community work, will be of great benefit to CMHC and the other members of the Board."

A builder for over 45 years, Mr. Werzberger has built hundreds of residential buildings, as well as commercial facilities during his career. He was previously a member of the Board of Directors of Association provinciale des constructeurs d'habitations du Québec as well as a member of the Association de construction du Québec. He has won awards in recognition of the quality of his work as well as for his single family homes and residential projects.

He has also actively participated as a board member for several organizations in Montréal and founded a number of organizations, including the Coalition of Outremont Hassidic Organizations. Born in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Werzberger is married with 10 children and speaks five different languages.

CMHC is Canada's national housing agency with a mandate to help Canadians gain access to safe, quality and affordable housing. CMHC supports the Canadian housing industry and improves the living conditions of Canadians through its activities in mortgage loan insurance and securitization, assisted housing, research and information transfer and the promotion of Canadian housing exports.

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