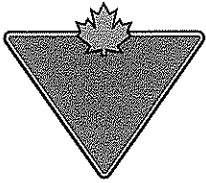


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# CANADIAN TIRE

October 26, 2009

Jeff Payne  
Acting Director and Deputy Regional Clerk  
Corporate Services, Clerks  
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Dear Mr. Payne,

On August 5, 2009, Canadian Tire successfully launched its Long Combination Vehicle (LCV) operations in Ontario. We became the first carrier in the year long pilot to do so when a single tractor departed Canadian Tire's Eastern Dispatch Office in Vaudreuil, Quebec hauling two 53' containers on chassis' and crossed into Ontario shortly after 5:00 am.

As you already know LCVs are good for manufacturers and consumers. They allow Ontario retailers and manufacturers to bring voluminous, light-weight goods to market at a lower cost. There is a substantial environmental benefit in that by using less fuel to carry goods, LCVs reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with shipping goods by approximately one-third. Also one LCV trip replaces two regular tractor-trailer trips meaning one less truck on the road. Statistically, they have lower collision rates and the combined, double load is actually distributed over more axles, which reduces stress on our roads and infrastructure.

I want to emphasize the enormous planning efforts leading up to the commencement of Canadian Tire's operations that took place over the course of a year. This included contracting an independent engineering firm to perform an assessment of all municipal and city roads which we plan to use. Safety, being the primary objective of this implementation, is the key consideration in all aspects of the program including the planning, physical set up, staging and operation of these units.

Driver selection and certification are also critical elements of the program for CTC. We have focused on selecting drivers with a minimum of 5 years driving experience, a clean driver's abstract and excellent driving attitude. Each driver is given a rigorous practical road test plus complete pre-check requirements. If a driver could not meet these standards they were not selected to take part in the LCV training. Additionally, each driver was required to complete in-class and in yard training as well as a road test and time spent with qualified instructor for their first 1,000 km's.

In short we have the appropriate processes, controls, equipment, experience and people in place to effectively run this operation. In fact Canadian Tire has over seven years of experience running LCVs in Western Canada.

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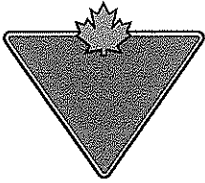
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As of Monday, September 14th, 2009, Canadian Tire began running LCVs out of its AJ Billes facility thanks to the approval and support of both the city of Brampton and Region of Peel. To date, Canadian Tire is proud to report the successful completion of 279 LCV trips over 64,830 KMs within the Toronto to Montreal corridor.

This initiative is a part of Canadian Tire Corporation's innovative Business Sustainability strategy. The strategy is designed to improve the efficiency of our business, reduce costs, create new revenue opportunities, and provide our customers with the products and services that meet their price, performance and quality expectations while helping them to reduce their environmental footprint.

As you are aware Peel is centrally-located in the GTA which has the third largest cluster of industrial activity in North America. In addition to a major international airport the Peel area has the two largest intermodal rail terminals in the country. Nearly 10% percent of Peel's jobs are in the transportation, warehousing and logistics sectors, which is approximately two times more when compared to other regions. Transportation is playing an increasingly important role to keeping the region viable and competitive. Addressing traffic congestion, reducing costs while having a positive impact on the environment are objectives that all businesses need to aggressively pursue. LCVs are a viable solution that directly contributes to meeting these objectives.

Canadian Tire thanks you for your continued support in this very important initiative.

Sincerely,

Neil McKenna  
Vice President, Transportation  
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