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## **Roadmap Report Recognizes Natural Gas as an Important Low Emission Alternative Transportation Fuel**

Ottawa – January 7, 2011 – The Canadian Gas Association (CGA) praised the Government of Canada’s leadership in The Natural Gas Use in the Canadian Transportation Sector Deployment Roadmap process and welcomed the Roadmap report that recognizes the role of natural gas and innovative Canadian natural gas technologies in the transportation sector.

Through the leadership of Natural Resources Canada, the Roadmap process brought together representatives from the trucking industry, engine manufacturers, the natural gas industry, the environmental community and federal and provincial policy makers for an 10-month comprehensive and extensive consultation process to evaluate the role of natural gas in Canada’s transportation sector. The Roadmap report is available on the Natural Resources Canada website.

“This report represents the work of an inclusive consultation process involving all of the relevant stakeholders and for the first time takes a comprehensive look at the role of natural gas in Canada’s transportation sector,” said Timothy Egan, President of the Canadian Gas Association. “Natural gas as a transportation fuel, particularly for medium and heavy duty fleets, provides a cost-effective and low-emitting alternative for the transportation sector,” continued Egan.

Natural gas itself is an abundant domestic resource, an affordable, safe, reliable, and clean source of energy. Using natural gas as a fuel source for transportation also brings additional benefits including:

- Reducing heavy-duty natural gas trucks and buses lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 20-25 per cent compared to diesel trucks and buses.
- Natural gas vehicles can also operate on renewable natural gas produced from landfills, digesters and wastewater treatment plants where the lifecycle greenhouse gas benefits are even greater.
- Highway tractors operating on natural gas in regional trucking corridors can gain access to a lower cost fuel that can provide a competitive advantage. Operating costs are lower because natural gas is typically 15 to 30 per cent lower in price than diesel fuel.
- Canadian companies stand to benefit as the leading suppliers of natural gas vehicle and station technologies.

“This report is invaluable in that it articulates a number of important factors that will determine the success of natural gas as a smart transportation fuel source,” continued Egan. “CGA looks forward to working with the other Roadmap participants to identify ways to implement the report’s recommendations.”

CGA is the voice of Canada’s natural gas delivery industry. CGA members are gas distribution companies, transmission companies, related equipment manufacturers, and other service providers involved in the delivery of natural gas in Canada.

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