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**Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20423**

Re: Docket Number FD36500 - Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern Merger

Rhomberg Sersa North America is a member of the international Rhomberg Sersa Rail Group. With over 2,500 employees worldwide we operate on 4 continents as a specialized rail maintenance supplier to railways across all sectors. In North America, we service the Class1 and Shortline railways as well as Urban Transits. The business has been operating in Canada for over 20 years and Canadian Pacific Railway has been a foundation client.

I have watched the press with interest regarding the signed merger agreement between CP and Kansas City Southern with interest. Familiar with both railways and their route maps it is obvious that the merger would be beneficial to not only both railways, but it would also provide increased value to clients as it would open rail routes to them that they currently cannot service independently. A true 'win-win' situation.

Then I saw the sudden appearance of Canadian National counter offering for KCS.

As you would know, the success of railways is integral to the success of the transport task of North America. Rail is immensely more efficient than trucking with the infrastructure for rail being paid entirely by the end user. Trucks pay road fees that are far below their cost impact on roads and highways. Effectively the nation subsidizes the trucking industry. Wherever railways can be more efficient the savings go directly as a benefit into our economy. The motive force efficiencies of rail versus road see a significant greenhouse gas reduction for freight moved by rail.

As the Chief Executive Officer of this operation, I have over 30 years' experience in the railway industry gained around the world. Over the past four years in North America, I have witnessed firsthand the style and methods adopted by the different Class 1 railways. I can truthfully advise the board that the relationship that CP promotes with clients is a positive and partnering based, with a long-term view. I believe the CP/KCS merger will be very much in the interest of competitive free trade.

In conclusion, I ask that the Board consider the veracity of my experience in the rail industry internationally and locally. The proposed merger of CP and KCS is in the public interest and would be good for the industry.

I would be happy to elaborate further on this letter if the Board felt it would contribute to taking the decision to endorse the CP/KCS agreement.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Match'.

Michael Match
Chief Executive Officer
Rhomberg Sersa North America
CC: All Parties of Record