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Society of Composers, Authors and
Music Publishers of Canada

Société canadienne des auteurs,
compositeurs et éditeurs de musique

SOCAN PLEASED WITH TABLED COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION THAT ADDRESSES CHALLENGES FACED IN THE DIGITAL MARKETPLACE

(Toronto – June 4) The Society of Composers Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) noted the tabling of the Copyright reform legislation yesterday and is looking forward to considering its contents and implications as it relates to SOCAN's interests.

Paul Spurgeon, SOCAN's Vice President Legal Services & General Counsel said:

“SOCAN is pleased that the Government of Canada has tabled copyright reform legislation that addresses some of the challenges and opportunities creators face in the digital marketplace. We are optimistic that these changes will help make Canadian copyright law more consistent with international standards. At SOCAN, we believe it is important to consider all of the elements within the new legislation carefully before making detailed comments on its content. We are currently undertaking a thorough review of the legislation so that we can clearly and accurately communicate to our members, customers, media and other interested groups with a stake in the industry the implications of the legislation.”

About SOCAN

At SOCAN, we understand that the Canadian music industry is only as strong as the sum of its parts. We are proud to play a leading role, working with other organizations to ensure the long-term health of our members' livelihoods and the Canadian music industry as a whole. SOCAN is the Canadian copyright collective for the communication and performance of musical works. We administer these rights on behalf of our members (composers, lyricists, songwriters and their publishers) and those of affiliated international organizations by licensing this use of their music in Canada. The fees collected are distributed as royalties to our members and to affiliated organizations throughout the world. We also distribute royalties received from those organizations to our members for the use of their music worldwide. SOCAN has offices in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Edmonton and Dartmouth.

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