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## SOCAN PLEASED WITH SUPREME COURT OF CANADA'S DECISION

**(Toronto – September 18)** The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) is pleased with the Supreme Court of Canada's (SCC) recent decision to dismiss, with costs, the application presented by the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) and two of its members Bell Mobility Inc. and Telus Communications Company to the SCC for an official review of the Federal Court of Canada's decision earlier this year.

The dismissed application was an appeal for a review of the recent ruling in support of the 2006 Copyright Board's decision to set licence fees for the transmission of ringtones by ringtone suppliers for the years 2003-2005. The decision confirms SOCAN's position that the transmission of a ringtone to subscribers by ringtone suppliers constitutes a "communication to the public by telecommunication" and allows SOCAN to seek licence fees from wireless carriers for the communication of musical works via ringtones in Canada.

"The Supreme Court of Canada's decision confirms the decision made by the copyright board that allows SOCAN to licence new media communications," says Paul Spurgeon, Vice President Legal Services and General Counsel, 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. For more information about how we're doing what's right for music, please visit us at [www.socan.ca](http://www.socan.ca).

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