

SOCAN PLEASED WITH NEW TARIFF FOR SATELLITE RADIO

(Toronto – April 13, 2009) The Society of Composers Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) is pleased with the Copyright Board of Canada's decision to establish a new tariff (Tariff 25) for the communication of SOCAN's musical works on satellite radio in the years 2005-09.

This latest decision will ultimately allow SOCAN to receive a 4.26-percent of total revenues earned by satellite radio services operating in Canada. Currently there are two: Sirius Satellite Radio and Canadian Satellite Radio Inc. (XM Canada). Both provide a mix of commercial-free music and talk channels to their subscribers.

The Copyright Board recognized the fact that, among other challenges, the satellite radio services incurred high front-end costs during the launch of their services. As such, the rates certified by the Board include discounts of 25 percent for the years 2005 to 2007 and 10 percent for 2008 and 2009.

"While satellite broadcasters are still growing their business in Canada, creators of music can look forward to royalties growing as well from these important new uses," says Paul Spurgeon, SOCAN's Vice President Legal Services & General Counsel.

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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