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## Nominations to ATQ's Board of Directors

LONGUEUIL, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Agri-Traçabilité Québec (ATQ) is pleased to announce the nominations of Mr. Pierre Lemieux and Mr. Norman Houle as President and Vice-President of ATQ's Board of Directors. The election to fill these two positions was held on Friday past during the Board of Directors' meeting.

Mr. Lemieux is a maple syrup, forestry and dairy producer located in Cap-Saint-Ignace and he is 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA) in Quebec. As for Mr. Houle, he is the General Manager of the Regional Directorate for the Mauricie region at the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ) and has been a member of ATQ's Board of Directors since June 2012.

ATQ and its Board of Directors would like to thank Mr. Richard Maheu, member of the Board of Directors and president of ATQ since February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, for his dedication and commitment. Sincere thanks are also in order for Mr. Guy Auclair, newly retired, who has held the position of Vice-President on the Board of Directors since February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### About ATQ:

ATQ is a non-profit organization created to contribute to the improvement of food safety and to the competitiveness of Quebec producers. The organization ensures the development, implementation and maintenance of a permanent identification and traceability system for certain types of livestock in Quebec. The Board of Directors is comprised of seven members, including four representatives from the UPA, two representative from MAPAQ and one representative from La Financière agricole du Québec (FADQ).

Members of ATQ's Board of Directors as of February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013		
Participating organizations	Voting representatives	Position on the Board of Directors
UPA	* <b>Pierre Lemieux</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the UPA	President and 1 <sup>st</sup> member of the Executive Council
	<b>André Mousseau</b> , President of the Syndicat des producteurs en serre du Québec	Administrator
	<b>François Bourassa</b> , President of the Fédération régionale de l'UPA de l'Estrie	Administrator
	<b>Langis Croft</b> , President of the Fédération des producteurs d'agneaux et moutons du Québec	Administrator
MAPAQ	* <b>Norman Houle</b> , General Manager, Regional Directorate for the Mauricie region	Vice-President and 2 <sup>nd</sup> member of the Executive Council
	<b>Geneviève Godbout</b> , Manager of Animal Health	Administrator (Acting)
FADQ	<b>Régnald Levesque</b> , Manager of Program Integration	3 <sup>rd</sup> member of the Executive Council

\* New members

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