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Message from the Director General, Gerry Deneault

I would like to announce that I have accepted an assignment with the Acquisitions Branch of Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) effective December 11, 2006. As a result, I am pleased to welcome Mr. Ovila Robichaud to lead the Industrial Security Sector (ISS) as Acting Director General. With over 29 years experience with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), along with a number of other security related positions, Mr. Robichaud brings a wealth of security experience to the organization in both the operational and management areas.

Mr. Robichaud's extensive knowledge and hands on experience with investigations and security matters will be of great benefit to ISS over the coming year; I am very confident that I am leaving ISS in the supportive hands of a leader with a forward-looking focus very much in sync with ISS' vision.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best in the new year, and to thank you on behalf of the Government of Canada for the very important work you are doing in support of Canada's National Security.

The Weakest Link

Did you now that 80% of all losses, thefts, and unauthorized disclosures are from insiders of your company? In your experience, would you estimate this to be an accurate percentage? CIISD is currently conducting research for an upcoming CSO training session for which we are interested in collecting anecdotes and actual cases, to be used as case studies and topics of discussion, where an insider, otherwise known as the weakest link, has betrayed the confidentiality, integrity or availability of a sensitive asset or classified information. In order to ensure protection and confidentiality, the names of the companies and individuals involved will be changed. Please provide us with potential case studies by using the contact information below.

Business Continuity Planning

- Would your business be able to continue operating if faced with the loss of a critical system?
- ⇒ Would it be able to ensure the security of sensitive information?

Here are some sample questions to ask yourself:

- 1. Is your team trained in responding to alarms?
- 2. If you were unable to re-enter your work premises, do you have a pre-determined location to meet to coordinate recovery operations?
- 3. Do you maintain a current list of employees, customers, and suppliers off site?
- 4. Do you have a pre-determined plan to maintain your essential and critical functions?
- Have you met with local emergency response groups (i.e. Facilities, Security, Environmental, Health and Safety) to discuss their role in recovering the business?
- Do you have an established business continuity response team?
- 7. Does your plan take an all hazards approach to disruption to your business?
- 8. Do you have an active program to reduce the likelihood of a disruption?
- 9. Do you have a business continuity plan that is securely stored off-site?
- 10. Do you periodically test your business continuity plan along with your site emergency contingency plan?
- ⇒ What is required to establish a BCP:
- 1. A description of what you do
- 2. Identification of your clients
- 3. Your client contact information

Company Security Officer (CSO) Information Session

Please be advised that CIISD will soon be holding an information session in the Ottawa regions for all CIISD CSOs. Venue & agenda will be provided in the very near future.

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