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NEW CABINET FOCUSED ON MOVING BRITISH COLUMBIA FORWARD

VICTORIA— Premier Gordon Campbell appointed a new cabinet today to build a strong economic future, capitalize on hosting the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and seize emerging global opportunities as Canada’s Pacific Gateway.

“The members of this executive council are proven leaders and, like all of their caucus colleagues, are ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work immediately to build a stronger province,” said Premier Campbell. “Together, we will focus on B.C.’s priorities of building the economy, creating jobs and continuing to enhance critical services like health and education.

“This is an important time in B.C.’s history, filled both with challenges and opportunities. The members of our new cabinet are dedicated to meeting those challenges and seizing those opportunities on behalf of all British Columbians. We will build on the strong foundation we’ve forged together over the last eight years and create an even brighter future.”

The new members of the provincial cabinet are Randy Hawes, Kash Heed, Margaret MacDiarmid, Mary McNeil, Ben Stewart, Moira Stilwell, Steve Thomson, Naomi Yamamoto and John Yap.

Mike de Jong is the Government house leader and George Abbott is the deputy house leader. Bill Barisoff will be the Government Caucus nominee for Speaker and Linda Reid the nominee for Deputy Speaker.

“We will continue to work with B.C.’s First Nations to strengthen and build on our new relationship, which will create certainty and economic opportunity for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal British Columbians alike,” said Premier Campbell. “In just 247 days, B.C. and Canada will welcome the world for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. This is an unprecedented opportunity to market our province and its people to the world, and create new growth right here in British Columbia. Our cabinet will work to take advantage of this opportunity and to continue building our province as Canada’s Gateway to the Asia Pacific.”

Premier Campbell also named six MLAs as parliamentary secretaries: Donna Barnett, Dave Hayer, Terry Lake, Richard T. Lee, John Rustad and John Slater.

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