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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **JOHN VAN DER BURCH RETIRING**

Following a distinguished career encompassing 44 years of service in the railroad industry, John van der Burch is retiring from Southern Railway of British Columbia (SRY) effective January 1, 2008. John was promoted to President of SRY in May, 2000 and has led the company through a period of unprecedented growth over the past seven years.

Having begun his career as a Brakeman, John held positions including Conductor, Train Dispatcher, Yardmaster, and Assistant Superintendent. He was then promoted to Superintendent with responsibility for the Operations, Engineering and Mechanical departments.

Beginning in June, 2006, John has also served as President of Southern Railway of Vancouver Island Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of SRY.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of both Southern Railway of British Columbia and Southern Railway of Vancouver Island Limited,  
I want to thank John for the outstanding leadership he has provided the companies and wish him good health and a most enjoyable retirement.

William H. Brodsky  
Chairman  
Southern Railway of British Columbia