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## **Expense Audit Report Exonerates David Dingwall**

**OTTAWA, October 26, 2005**—Today the PricewaterhouseCoopers' Special Report regarding the independent audit of expenses incurred by the Office of the President was released in the public domain – posted on the Royal Canadian Mint Web site.

Despite various allegations regarding improper expenses incurred by the Office of the President, the PWC special report confirms that the majority of the expenses were business related, legitimate, properly approved and documented.

“On September 28, 2005, I requested an independent audit. I am very pleased that the PricewaterhouseCoopers Special Report completely exonerates me of any wrongdoing.

The PWC Report confirms that the vast majority of the expenses were not related to travel or hospitality. Rather, they were expenses related to salaries for my staff and myself.

This Report further confirms that 99.64%, almost 100%, of the expenses were duly approved, supported by receipts and were incurred for legitimate business purposes, used to turn the Mint into a profitable organization.

Although the PWC audit reported some general bookkeeping issues as it relates to my cost center, however, these represent only .36% of expenses and relate to such items as an advance. I will repay these small amounts immediately.

Finally, I am very pleased that as a result of this Report, which was released today, the issues regarding my expenses can be finally closed, and the Royal Canadian Mint may continue with its business uninterrupted”, said Mr. Dingwall.

Ivan Whitehall from the law firm Heenan Blaikie and Janice Payne, from the law firm Nelligan O'Brien Payne are assisting Mr. Dingwall.

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