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## **Statement by the Hon. David Dingwall, on the expected release of the arbitration award**

OTTAWA - The following is a statement by the Hon. David Dingwall, P.C., Q.C. regarding the proposed release of the arbitration ruling awarded by the Hon. George Q. W. Adams, Q.C.

"I have given my consent to the Government to release the award of the Hon. George Adams and I am very pleased that the binding arbitration award by Mr. Adams, a former Justice of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, will be released to the public by this government. I wish to thank Prime Minister Harper for taking steps to make the entire award public. This award rules that my departure was involuntary and makes a compensatory award.

In the days preceding my resignation from the Royal Canadian Mint, mounting uproar unfolded over my company's lobbying activities, as well as the expenses of the President's Office at the Mint. I immediately assured the Clerk that my expenses were entirely in order, which was subsequently confirmed by an independent audit of PriceWaterhouseCoopers. I also assured the Clerk that my lobbying activities were appropriate and requested that they be reviewed by the Ethics Commissioner. My offer was never withdrawn.

Nevertheless, the Government was clear that it was 'troubled' by the negative publicity surrounding the stories and that all I could rely upon was their silence in face of the criticism. I advised them I felt compelled to resign and no one disagreed with this motivation or the necessity of leaving.

In his careful review of all the facts and evidence, the Hon. George Adams ultimately found that my departure was clearly involuntary - equivalent to a termination or constructive termination without cause.

As the former CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint, I consider it an honour to have led such a fine organization through a strong financial turnaround and I am pleased to see that it is continuing on a successful path into the future in a competitive marketplace.

On a personal note, I am deeply appreciative for the love and support of my wife, children and close friends that have sustained me through this very difficult period."

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