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AIR CANADA FLIGHT AC 624 CLASS ACTION

The Halifax, Nova Scotia law firm of Wagners has been retained to file a class action in connection with the crash landing of Air Canada flight AC 624 at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on March 29, 2015. The law firm, working in partnership with Toronto law firms Rochon Genova LLP (www.rochongenova.com) and Will Davidson LLP (www.willdavidson.ca), has been contacted by some of the 133 passengers who experienced the crash landing of Airbus A320 about 335 metres short of the runway. The plane then skidded for over 300 metres along the runway. Over 25 individuals were taken to hospital. The firms continue to investigate and meet with passengers. The claim will be available at Wagners' website: www.wagners.co.

The AC 624 incident fortunately resulted in no fatalities, but it reveals severe safety hazards which could have led to serious consequences for passengers and crew members. The class action will further the goal of avoiding these aviation safety problems in the future. Aviation experts have identified in the media a number of possible safety failures, such as inadequate runway navigational systems, poor air navigation safety standards, and potential pilot errors. Lawyer Ray Wagner believes the tool of a class action is an effective way to address these serious safety concerns: "Civil law and class actions are powerful tools in ensuring system changes are made to prevent future harm to the travelling public. Behaviour modification will

cause substantive changes to a number of emergency and operational systems that appear to have failed the passengers of AC 624. Fortunately, the outcome was not disastrous.”

The class action will seek damages for any physical and psychological trauma caused by the incident.

The proposed class action must be approved and certified by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. The certification process will be heard before a case management judge who will be assigned to the case. Should the lawsuit be certified, the case will be advanced on behalf of the passengers present on Air Canada flight AC 624.

Wagners successfully collaborated with Will Davidson LLP in representing the families of the seven crew members who died in the 2004 MK Airlines Ltd. cargo plane crash near the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. Wagners has extensive provincial and national class action experience, representing clients in numerous pharmaceutical and medical device class actions, as well as representing former residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children in a class action that resulted in settlements in 2013 and 2014. Wagners was also lead counsel in the proposed class action proceeding on behalf of residents living adjacent to the Sydney Tar Ponds in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Will Davidson LLP was co-lead counsel in the class action involving the 2005 Air France crash at Toronto’s Pearson Airport. The firm acted for 184 of the passengers and crew who were both physically injured and suffered psychological trauma as a result of the accident.

Rochon Genova LLP is one of Canada’s pre-eminent class action law firms and has extensive experience in aviation litigation, including the following cases: Air Transat Flight TS 236, Lisbon, Portugal (2001); Air France Flight 358, Toronto, Ontario (2005); Skyservice Flight 5G560, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (2005); and Comair Flight 5191, Lexington, Kentucky (2006).

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