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**THE JUDGMENT OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE MATTER OF
JOHNSON AND MARCIL V. ANDRÉ ARTHUR ET AL. IS UNDER APPEAL**

Montreal, October 30, 2002 – Cogeco Radio-Television Inc. (“CRTI”), the broadcasting subsidiary of COGECO Inc., the directors of CRTI and André Arthur have inscribed in appeal the case in which the Superior Court of the District of Montreal gave judgment on October 1st, 2002. This judgment granted the motion for defamation of petitioners Daniel Johnson and Suzanne Marcil against André Arthur, CRTI and its directors, as well as Metromedia C.M.R. Montreal Inc.

The appellants are of the view that this judgement not only contains obvious errors but also raises several fundamental issues of great significance for media companies operating in Quebec, notably in connection with freedom of the press, prior restraint on expression by individuals employed by media companies upon being hired and subsequently, the personal liability of corporate directors in this regard, the nature and extent of damages claimed, and the right for any person sued in a civil liability case to defend itself in good faith without incurring additional damages.

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Note : CRTI and its directors will make no comment and will give no interviews in connection with this case or the inscription in appeal.

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