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**The Petroleum Services Association of Canada Announces  
Interim President and CEO**

*Gary Mar resigns from PSAC effective April 15, 2020*

**Calgary, AB (March 30, 2020)** – The Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) announces today that Gary Mar has resigned as President and CEO of the Association, effective April 15, 2020 to accept a position in another organization.

“In the interim, Senior Vice President Elizabeth Aquin will assume the role of President and CEO with the full confidence of the Association’s Board of Directors. As we navigate these challenging times, Elizabeth is dedicated to continue bringing our members together as a unified force for positive progress for our industry,” says Mark O’Byrne, PSAC Board Chair and President, Palliser Production Management Ltd. (a Schlumberger Canada Limited company).

In accepting this role after over 25 years with the Association leading its advocacy efforts, Aquin affirms, “Now, more than ever, it is critical that we maintain our presence as a strong voice and advocate for our members, who are the backbone of Canada’s most vital industry.”

The Board of Directors would like to thank Mar for his leadership, and wish him all the best in his new endeavors. “Gary has been a positive contributor to the Association as it has demonstrated the value to Canadians across the country provided by the service, supply and manufacturing sector within Canada’s energy sector,” says O’Byrne.

As the Association’s interim President and CEO, Aquin will build on the accomplishments achieved by Aquin and Mar, ramping up advocacy efforts to new highs. These are challenging times for PSAC members and the Association, with reduced demand for new energy development due to the impact from the recent historic drop in commodity prices and the COVID-19 pandemic. However, PSAC will continue to safely interact with members and government to advocate for the essential service members provide and for the important support programs necessary. The current situation has emphasized further the essential role PSAC members have in the Canadian economy.

The PSAC Board of Directors has begun a search for a permanent President and CEO.

**About PSAC:**

*The Petroleum Services Association of Canada is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry. PSAC is Working Energy and as the voice of this sector, advocates for its members to enable the continued innovation, technological advancement and in-the-field experience they supply to Canada’s energy explorers and producers, helping to increase efficiency, improve safety and protect the environment.*

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