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Groupe Filgo-Sonic acquies
Bell-Gaz Itée and Compagnie du chemin de fer Lanaudière inc.

Sainte-Marie, May 11, 2017—Groupe Filgo-Sonic, leader in energy distribution in Quebec, has acquired the assets of the family-owned business Bell-Gaz Itée, one of the majors regarding the sale and delivery of propane gas in Quebec, and those of Compagnie du chemin de fer Lanaudière inc. This acquisition, completed on Friday, May 5th, takes place while continuing the operations of Bell-Gaz Itée with the Belleville family. With this transaction, Groupe Filgo-Sonic wants to get closer to its customers of the Lanaudière region and increase the value of its services, while benefiting from the expertise of Bell-Gaz Itée's teams.

"We are proud to welcome the teams of Bell-Gaz Itée and Compagnie du chemin de fer Lanaudière inc. with whom we share common values: we are two Quebec family businesses committed to providing the best services to our customers," says Michel Lehoux, CEO of Groupe Filgo-Sonic. "This acquisition is part of Groupe Filgo-Sonic's desire to become the largest energy distributor in Eastern Canada and to be recognized as the gold standard for customer experience."

"Combining our strengths with Groupe Filgo-Sonic will be beneficial to our customers," says Robert Belleville, son of the founder of Bell-Gaz Itée. "This new step in the life of our company will allow us to operate on a larger territory and meet all of our customers' energy needs, with the addition of fuels and lubricants to our offer."

Bell-Gaz Itée and Compagnie du chemin de fer Lanaudière inc. will continue their operations as they are currently doing and contact points will remain the same. In the future, Groupe Filgo-Sonic foresees additional job creation at Bell-Gaz Itée to diversify its activities.

Founded in 1963 by Hervé Belleville in Saint-Félix-de-Valois, in the Lanaudière region, Bell-Gaz Itée employs over 40 people and has four branches with offices, warehouses and reserve stations. The company supply wholesale and retail propane gas products to more than 18,000 customers, and independent distributors throughout Quebec. Bell-Gaz Itée is recognized for the quality of its teams and its personalized approach. Groupe Filgo-Sonic also acquired Compagnie du chemin de fer Lanaudière inc (CFL), which was established by Bell-Gaz Itée in 1992. CFL ensures the transportation, storage, and unloading of propane gas. Covering a 17-kilometre distance in the Lanaudière region between Joliette and Saint-Félix-de-Valois, the CFL network includes transshipment sites. The development prospects arising from the acquisition of railway

infrastructure allow the group to be highly competitive in the market and to ensure the supply of propane gas in all circumstances.

About Groupe Filgo-Sonic

Born of the merger of Énergies Sonic of La Coop fédérée and Groupe Filgo in the fall 2016, Groupe Filgo-Sonic is a Quebec-based company and a leader in the distribution and retail of gasoline, diesel, heating oil, propane gas, lubricants and biomass. Groupe Filgo-Sonic also stands out in the new energy sector through its important partnership with the Government of Quebec for the development of multi-fuel stations. Proud of its regional background, Groupe Filgo-Sonic operates a network of 301 gas stations, 25 self-service supply centres and 24 business centres, located throughout Québec. The company employs nearly 1,000 people and has an annual turnover of more than \$1.6 billion.

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