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Ms. Kim Savage
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Dear Ms. Savage:

We would like to inform you that for 2010 the BC Safety Authority will continue to keep fees frozen at 2008 levels.

This decision was based on the results of an 11-week consultation process with clients and stakeholders like you who were invited to provide feedback about a proposed 3% fee increase for 2010.

As the regulator of seven technologies and industries that fall under the Safety Standards Act, the BC Safety Authority is required to ensure that safety standards are being met according to code and regulations.

While we all recognize there are important costs to ensuring safety, many of you told us that you were still being impacted by the economic downturn, and you were having difficulties trying to remain competitive within the safety system.

Like other organizations, the BC Safety Authority has also been impacted by the economic environment. We have been diligent in our efforts to control both core costs and capital purchases, and have streamlined some of our administrative programs. We have been working on a tight budget and expect to continue tapping into our reserves.

We assure all British Columbians that even though safety comes at a cost, it will not be compromised. Safety in BC continues to be our top priority.

Please feel free to share this information with your staff, with your members and with colleagues in the industry. For those of you who are receiving this letter via mail, an electronic copy of this letter can be emailed to you to help share the information.

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We will update you on further developments as we continue to monitor the economic environment. If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like to obtain an electronic copy of this letter, feel free to contact Jim Allaway, our Leader of Stakeholder Engagement Programs, at 778-396-2129 or Jim.Allaway@safetyauthority.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. Diemer". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "H" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Harry Diemer
President and Chief Executive Officer