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CONTRANS GROUP INC. ACQUIRES MACKINNON TRANSPORT'S VAN DIVISION

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(TSX:CSS)

Contrans Group Inc. ("Contrans") announced today that it has acquired the Van Division of MacKinnon Transport Inc. Through MacKinnon's court-supervised restructuring, Contrans has taken control of MacKinnon's Dry Van business and immediately combined it with Laidlaw Carriers Van LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Contrans. The purchase allows Contrans to assume the contracts of approximately 80 drivers and owner-operators, and sub-lease the required equipment to continue servicing the MacKinnon Van division customers.

"This is a real boost for the growth of our Laidlaw Van division," stated Contrans' Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Stan Dunford. "The combination of MacKinnon's Van business with our existing operations will provide a benefit to drivers and customers and will generate overall efficiencies. It has been a pleasure working with the MacKinnon team through their restructuring process and we are pleased to add this division to our group."

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