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L. Jacques Ménard is Chairman of BMO Nesbitt Burns, one of the country's leading investment firms. He is also President of BMO Financial Group. As such, he oversees the activities of BMO Bank of Montreal, its subsidiaries, and its more than 170 branches and 5,000 employees in Quebec.

Mr. Ménard is currently a director at Claridge Inc., the Montreal Heart Institute, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and the Montreal Alouettes. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Corporate Directors (Quebec chapter) and a Board Associate of Canadian Policy Research Networks Inc., and sits on the International Advisory Board of HEC Montréal, the Advisory Board of Glendon College at York University and the Board of Directors of the Macdonald Stewart Foundation.

In June 2009, Mr. Ménard joined the Task Force on Financial Literacy as Co-Chair. This group was established to help create a coherent national strategy. Their recommendations will support initiatives to improve the financial literacy of all Canadians.

Mr. Ménard chaired the Task Force on the Sustainability of the Québec Health Care and Social Services System, established by the Quebec Government in December 2004 to identify the funding needs for health and social services in Quebec in the coming years and decades and to propose appropriate measures.

He published a first book in 2008, *Si on s'y mettait...*, that outlines a series of proposals to ensure Quebec's future growth. In the wake of this book, he established the Groupe d'action sur la persévérance et la réussite scolaires, comprised of 28 representatives from various fields – Quebec government, business community, and organizations related to school perseverance – which released its action plan "*Savoir pour pouvoir*" in March 2009. Mr. Ménard subsequently published a book on the topic of high school perseverance "Beyond the Numbers... a Matter of the Heart."

Mr. Ménard is one of the four recipients of the annual Public Policy Forum Testimonial Awards in 2009. He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario (M.B.A. 1970), Loyola College of Montréal (B. Comm. Hon. Econ. 1967) and Collège Ste-Marie (B.A. 1966). He is an Officer of the Order of Canada.