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RAILPOWER ADDS FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE TO ITS BOARD

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, October 18, 2005 – Railpower Technologies Corp. (TSX: P) Chair, Norm Gish, announced today that Philip Garcia, Executive Vice President and CFO of Erie Insurance Group, has joined the Board of Directors and will serve on the hybrid locomotive company's Audit Committee.

Gish stated "Phil has an excellent background in finance, accounting, controls and obviously insurance. The Erie Insurance Group is a Fortune 500 company and in Forbes magazine's list of the 400 best managed companies in America.

"His appointment is a great addition to our Board and we are pleased his office happens to be in Erie, Pennsylvania, where we have our main engineering office."

Garcia is responsible for all accounting, finance, corporate service, tax, investment management and property & casualty and life actuarial functions for all Erie companies in the Group.

Railpower is headquartered in Vancouver and produces Green Goat[®] hybrid switcher locomotives in Calgary, Alberta; Boise, Idaho; Longview, Texas, and will be producing them in Schenectady, New York, early in 2006. The company is also producing two multi-engine road switcher models.

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