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### **CARRIER ERB TRANSPORT SETS STANDARDS IN FOOD SAFETY FOR SECOND YEAR**

**New Hamburg, ON, June 21, 2006** — As a leader in the initiative to provide the highest standards of food safety within the trucking industry, The Erb Group of Companies has just marked the milestone of passing their second annual HACCP<sup>1</sup> audit – with a perfect score!

Erb was the first transport company in Ontario to receive Hazardous Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) Certification. HACCP is a standard of excellence which assures shippers that their product is maintained with the same strict standards of quality in transit and in Erb facilities as it has received at the manufacturer. There are currently only six carriers in Canada who are certified.

As the entire Erb network of terminals operates within HACCP compliance, the initial audit was carried out at the Baden Terminal and the latest audit took place at the Montreal Terminal. The audit by Kasar Canada required no corrective actions and the Erb facility received a perfect score and renewed certification.

Brad MacCallum, President and Founder of Kasar Canada Ltd<sup>2</sup>., states: “We at Kasar are very proud that Erb continues to be a leader in maintaining industry-best standards for food safety in transportation. The quality and effectiveness of their HACCP based food safety program is second to none. This was reconfirmed during our second annual audit of their program, and further demonstrated by their one of a kind, state-of-the-art facility located in Montreal, PQ.”

Tim Zehr, VP of Canadian Operations for Erb Transport Ltd. adds: “The move towards measurable and accountable food safety procedures for trucking companies is gaining speed. This September a major grocery chain will be demanding that carriers they deal with be HACCP certified and will give them until December to become compliant. We are pleased to have gotten on board with these standards from the beginning in order to assure all of our customers that we can deliver according to their highest expectations every time”.

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Note 1: HACCP has been endorsed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the National Academy of Sciences, the CODEX Alimentarius Commission (of the World Trade Organization, WTO), and the US National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Food (NACMCF) and is an internationally recognized and recommended approach to ensure food safety.

Note 2: Kasar Canada Ltd. develops and implements food safety programs for the food production and distribution industries. The company has been in operation since 1998 and serves a number of national and regional clients. [www.kasarcanda.com](http://www.kasarcanda.com)

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