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## Manitoba Trucking Association Honours Devoted Associate

Winnipeg, MB, October 30, 2009 – The Manitoba Trucking Association (MTA) is happy to announce Roger Gagne of Grote Industries as the recipient of the *2009 Payne Transportation LP / MTA Associate of the Year* award.

Gagne was not only born in Manitoba, but has also spent his entire working career in Manitoba, mainly in the trucking industry. He entered the industry with a position in shipping and receiving. Due to his skill and abilities, he was promoted to into sales and eventually worked his way to an outside sales position. After changing employers and position a few times he found a position he was born to embark on – Accounts Manager.

Gagne has been a long time member of the MTA. The MTA Associated Trades Division is lucky to have someone as involved as Gagne; during his tenure he has served over eight years on the Associated Trades Division Executive Committee, he is known for his profound and sincere concern for the well-being of the Associated Trades Division and the MTA. Over the years, he has served on a numerous committees and has participated as an exhibitor at the truck shows and the Vehicle Maintenance Council (VMC) mini trade shows. He has further shown his support by volunteering to assist with the re-organization of the VMC and has provided his mentorship in assisting and guiding them in organizing its educational and social events. Gagne is well-known for being “fun spirited” and has successfully co-chaired golf tournaments and numerous MTA events dinners.

His efforts go beyond his contributions to the MTA and the Associated Trades Division; has spent nine years as Chairman of the St. Vital Fourth Scouts where he supported the troops, organized events, and fundraising efforts. Roger is happily married and they have three grown children, Mike, Matthew and Marissa and now a new granddaughter.

The MTA congratulates Gagne, who is a worthy recipient of the Associate of the Year award, being an active and committed member of the MTA and the VMC.

The Payne Transportation LP / MTA “Associate of the Year” award is presented to a deserving MTA Associated Trades Division member on an annual basis. A nominee must be an Associated Trades Division member in good standing of the Association or an official of an Associated Trades member company, having conducted himself in such a manner as to have gained the esteem of their fellow members and having made a positive contribution to the programs or have contributed to the development of the Association.