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Ipperwash Inquiry Announces New Counsel

TORONTO, June 3 /CNW/ - The Honourable Sidney B. Linden, the Commissioner of the Ipperwash Inquiry, today announced the appointment of Donald E. Worme, Q.C., as Commission Counsel.

Mr. Worme is a Cree lawyer from the Kawacatoose First Nation Treaty Four, Saskatchewan.

He joins Lead Counsel W.A. Derry Millar, Counsel Susan Vella and Assistant Counsel Katherine Hensel on the Inquiry's legal team.

After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 1985, Mr. Worme articulated with the Federal Department of Justice in public prosecutions. Since receiving his call to the Bar in 1986, he has been engaged in private practice and has acquired extensive and varied experience in criminal and aboriginal law litigation. He has appeared at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Worme was lead counsel for the family of Neil Stonechild during the 2003-2004 Public Inquiry in Saskatchewan into the death of Neil Stonechild, an Aboriginal teenager whose body was found in an industrial area of Saskatoon in 1990. Mr. Worme also acted for inmate Sandra Paquachon in the Commission of Inquiry into Events of 1994 at the Prison for Women in Kingston.

Mr. Worme replaces Todd Ducharme on the Inquiry's legal team. Mr. Ducharme was appointed to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice last month.

Information about the Ipperwash Inquiry is available on its website: www.ipperwashinquiry.ca

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