

**PCA PRESS RELEASE****Bilcon of Delaware et al. v. Government of Canada
(PCA Case No. 2009-04)****Live Streaming of Hearing on Jurisdiction and Liability****THE HAGUE/TORONTO, OCTOBER 15, 2013**

Beginning on October 22, 2013, the hearing on jurisdiction and liability in an arbitration between Bilcon of Delaware et al. and the Government of Canada will be streamed live on the website of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) (www.pca-cpa.org). The arbitral proceedings are being conducted pursuant to Chapter Eleven of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The PCA acts as registry in the arbitration.

The hearing will be held in Toronto, Canada, and will begin on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 9:30am EDT (Eastern Daylight Time). The hearing is scheduled to conclude on Thursday, October 31, 2013. The tribunal will not sit on Saturday, October 26, 2013 or Sunday, October 27, 2013.

The arbitration was commenced in 2009 by Bilcon of Delaware, a United States corporation, and its shareholders. The parties' dispute revolves around the claimants' application to operate a quarry at Digby Neck, Nova Scotia. Following an environmental assessment, the Government of Nova Scotia and the federal Government of Canada denied the application.

The tribunal is chaired by Judge Bruno Simma, Judge at the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal. The other members of the tribunal are Professor Donald McRae, Hyman Soloway Chair and Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa, and Professor Bryan Schwartz, Professor of Law at the University of Manitoba.

Further information about the case and the tribunal's procedural orders are available on the PCA's website at www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1341. A video recording of the hearing will be made available on the same website following the conclusion of the hearing.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration:

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