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# Westport Appoints Douglas King to Board of Directors

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VANCOUVER, BC – Westport Innovations Inc. (TSX:WPT/NASDAQ:WPRT), the global leader in natural gas engines, today announced that Mr. Douglas King has been appointed to the company's Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2012. The appointment of Mr. King increases the number of directors from eight to nine.

Mr. King is a Certified Public Accountant with significant experience in the accounting industry, including over 30 years of auditing experience at Ernst & Young LLP where he served in various capacities in multiple offices. Mr. King served as the managing partner at the San Francisco office of Ernst & Young LLP from 1998 to 2002. Currently, Mr. King is a member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Audit Committee, and member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee at Silicon Graphics International Corp. (NASDAQ:SGI); member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Audit Committee, and member of the Executive Compensation and Finance Committees at SJW Corp. (NYSE:SJW); and a member of the Board of Directors of the private company Adaptive Spectrum and Signal Alignment, Inc. Previously, Mr. King was a member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Audit Committee, and member of the Nominating and Corporate Committee at Fuel Systems Solutions (NASDAQ:FSYS) from April 2006 until July 2010 and a member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Audit Committee and member of Executive Compensation and Special Committees of Marvell Technology Group (NASDAQ:MRVL) from April 2004 until October 2007. Mr. King has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and an MBA from the University of Arkansas.

"The appointment of Mr. King to the Board highlights the company's commitment to strong corporate governance and financial oversight," said David Demers, CEO of Westport Innovations. "Doug's extensive experience in finance, accounting and public company audits, combined with his experience in the technology and alternative fuel industries, will be an asset to our Board and its committees. We are pleased that Doug has agreed to serve and look forward to benefiting from his expertise and guidance."

## About Westport Fuel Systems

At Westport Fuel Systems, we are driving innovation to power a cleaner tomorrow. We are a leading supplier of advanced fuel delivery components and systems for clean, low-carbon fuels such as natural gas, renewable natural gas, propane, and hydrogen to the global automotive industry. Our technology delivers the performance and fuel efficiency required by transportation applications and the environmental benefits that address climate change and urban air quality challenges. Headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, with operations in Europe, Asia, North America and South America, we serve our customers in more than 70 countries with leading global transportation brands. At Westport Fuel Systems, we think ahead. For more information, visit [www.wfsinc.com](http://www.wfsinc.com).

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