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All Aboard for a *Guided Tour of the Milky Way*

New show at the Montréal Planetarium
presented by Rio Tinto Alcan

Montréal, October 14, 2010 – Montréal's Nature Museums and Rio Tinto Alcan are inviting the public to enjoy a *Guided Tour of the Milky Way*, the all-new multimedia show at the Montréal Planetarium. This fascinating voyage through our galaxy will be presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, at 7:15 p.m. "All aboard" for a tour of the Milky Way, our home in the Universe!

"Living in a major urban centre, we too often forget to raise our eyes toward the starry canopy and admire its splendours. The Planetarium's light-pollution-free sky reminds us that we are part of the Universe and allows us to wonder at the beauties of the stars and appreciate how complex the world is," says Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, Executive Director of Montréal's Nature Museums.

Jacynthe Côté, Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Alcan, adds: "Rio Tinto Alcan is proud to be associated with this new show at the Montréal Planetarium. Astronomy is a fabulous way of encouraging young people to take an interest in science, stay in school and even consider science careers."

All aboard!

A Planetarium staff member will accompany "travellers" on this *Tour* of the Milky Way. First off, visitors will learn to navigate with the constellations. Next, they'll head to the black hole at the centre of the Milky Way, with its tremendous gravitational pull. At the edges of the Milky Way, they'll see our neighbouring galaxies, including Andromeda. Then they'll make their way to the star nurseries where, after a few million years, new blazing hot, blue stars are born. And let's not forget the *supergiants*, those enormous stars with super-short life cycles that explode after barely a million years!

Our home in the Universe

This *Guided Tour of the Milky Way* shows how our Universe is endlessly reinventing itself. The cosmos is a place of infinite creation, where all matter is constantly changing. And the same is true of us, the Earth's inhabitants. Because of our atomic structure, we are part of this Universe: we are all stardust!

Louie Bernstein wrote the script and directed the show, which was translated by Marc Jobin. Sophie Desrosiers was artistic director. It is intended for adults and ages 12 and up. This Montréal Planetarium production received financial support from Rio Tinto Alcan. Come on an unforgettable galactic cruise, a *Guided Tour of the Milky Way*!

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