



## Press Release

### go2 adds two key HR professionals

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go2, the tourism industry's new Human Resources coordinating organization is pleased to announce the hiring of two key staff members responsible for industry Human Resource Development.

John Leschyson joined go2 on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will take a leadership role as Manager, Industry Human Resource Development. John comes to go2 with over 20 years of human resource management experience, most recently with Canadian Airlines where he held positions as Manager of Employee Development, Manager of Corporate Human Resources & Quality Services and Manager of HR Planning. Prior to joining Canadian Airlines, John held a number of Human Resource management positions at BC Hydro. John has also represented his company at the national level in the aerospace industry HR Council.

Nikki Germany joined go2 on June 30<sup>th</sup> following an 11 year HR career with BHP Billiton, the world's largest diversified resources company with over 38,000 employees operating in 20 countries. A native Australian, Nikki has worked all over the world and recently graduated with an MBA from Harvard Business School. Her experience at Harvard took her to Hong Kong-based Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts as well as the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Boston. As a result, Nikki made a decision to pursue a career in the tourism industry and will lead the development of industry recruitment and retention strategies in her role as Manager, Industry Human Resource Development.

go2 has a leadership role and mandate to develop strategies and programs aimed at recruitment, training and retention within all sectors of the tourism industry in British Columbia. With \$20 Billion in annual revenue and 200,000 direct jobs by 2012, the tourism sector represents one of the provinces premiere economic generators and is expected to lead the province in industry growth.