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PRESS RELEASE

Skilled Trades Fund founder Richard Rupp is pleased to announce the appointment of Canadian business legend Frank Stronach as an Honorary Advisory Board Member.

Frank Stronach is one of Canada's greatest entrepreneurs. Born in Austria to working-class parents, Stronach apprenticed as a tool and die maker before coming to Canada in 1954. He soon founded what became known as Magna International – which grew into one of the world's largest automotive parts manufacturers. Through Magna, Stronach has created over 170,000 jobs, shared more than \$1 billion with workers, and contributed billions of dollars to the economy. The economic charter of rights he established at Magna, with shared profits with all of the company's stakeholders, was the key to Magna's success and created a blueprint for enhanced productivity and profitability.

Mr. Stronach has written and spoken at length about the importance of emphasizing skilled trades training in our high schools, and teaching future generations technical skills in the skilled trades.

Skilled Trades Fund is a registered Canadian charity providing scholarships to those studying the skilled trades in construction and educating the public about the extraordinary opportunities in skilled trades as a career path.