QScreen AI Appoints Former Union Pacific Vice President as Strategic Advisor to Drive Expansion into North American Rail and Transportation Markets

Veteran rail executive with 25 years of senior commercial relationships across North America's Class I railroads joins a platform that enables real-time identification of probable drug use from a camera without requiring blood, breath, or urine testing.

Toronto, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - April 29, 2026) - **QScreen AI Inc. (CSE: QAI) (OTC Pink: PMEDF) (FSE: 3QP)**, an innovator fusing Quantum-AI technologies to transform health screening, today announces the appointment of José Humberto "Beto" Vargas García as Strategic Advisor. Mr. Vargas spent over 25 years in senior commercial roles across North American rail and most recently as Vice President at Union Pacific, leading a commercial portfolio of USD$2.8 billion with average annual growth of 9%, where he sat on the Board of Directors of Ferromex and chaired its Operations Committee. He was introduced to the Company during the Canada-Mexico trade mission earlier this year. The Company also announces a change of auditor, described below.

The Problem Mr. Vargas Is Here to Solve

Every Class I railroad in North America runs mandatory drug and alcohol testing under Federal Railroad Administration regulations. The testing has one fundamental problem: it detects past use, not present impairment. Their legal teams know this and it has been an issue in the industry since cannabis legalization. The Drug Screening Market size was valued at USD $9.76 billion in 2025 and is likely to cross USD $40.18 billion by 2035, expanding at more than 15.2% CAGR during the forecast period. In the year 2026 itself, the industry size of drug screening is assessed at USD $11.1 billion.[1]

The QAI Platform reads physiological signals from a standard camera including PERCLOS, blink rate, head movement, pupil reactivity and identifies the probable substance a person has consumed in real time. No sample required and therefore no lab visit and no wait times. The system generates a documented, time-stamped output before each shift begins, directly meeting the requirements of the transportation industry.

Mr. Vargas has deep relationships across the North American rail ecosystem and understands exactly which stakeholders need to be engaged, making this appointment a meaningful milestone for the company.

About Beto Vargas

Mr. Vargas spent the last five years as Vice President at Union Pacific, running commercial operations and sitting on the Ferromex board where he led the Operations Committee. Before that, eight years at Werner Enterprises as Intermodal and Commercial Director, where he managed a cross-border portfolio of over USD$500 million. Earlier, seven years at Ferromex where he reached Associate Vice President of Intermodal and launched the InterPacífico Service. From 2019 to 2023, he served as President of the Asociación Mexicana de Transporte Intermodal, the principal rail industry body in Mexico. He has spent 25 years in rooms where the decisions about rail safety, workforce compliance, and commercial partnerships get made.

Dr. Rahul Kushwah, COO of QScreen AI Inc., stated: "The rail sector has a drug testing problem that has not been solved in eight years. Beto spent the last five of those years running commercial operations at Union Pacific and sitting on the Ferromex board. He does not need to explain QScreen to the people who matter in this industry as he has been in business with them for decades. This appointment gives us invaluable and unprecedented access to decision makers."

Where the Company Stands

QScreen AI has completed its QAI Platform, the only system that identifies probable substance consumed in real time from a standard camera, while simultaneously running 13 validated clinical instruments including CIWA-Ar, COWS, and C-SSRS, in under seven minutes with no hardware and no IT project. The Company holds a granted US patent on physiological impairment detection.

The Company is pursuing its first signed evaluation agreements across three markets:

US Correctional Health — Approximately 4,800 facilities processing 7.9 million jail admissions annually[2]. Global Frontier Advisors L.P., led by Lieutenant General Michael S. Groen (Ret.), former Director of the Pentagon's Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, is advancing discussions with target facilities. GFA was engaged by the Company in February 2026.

National Defence and DoD — Approximately 4,800 US military sites worldwide[3]. GFA advancing engagement across personnel readiness and workforce health.

Rail and Transportation — Approximately 130,000 federally regulated safety-sensitive rail workers across North American Class I railroads subject to FRA mandatory impairment testing[4]. Mr. Vargas leading commercial engagement.

¹ Drug Screening Market Outlook. https://www.researchnester.com/reports/drug-screening-market/4891 . September 2025

2 Bureau of Justice Statistics, Jails Report Series: 2024 Preliminary Data Release (December 2025); Prison Policy Initiative, Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2025.

3 US Department of Defense Base Structure Report; USAFacts analysis of DoD installation data (2024).

4 Federal Railroad Administration, Railroad Safety Statistics Annual Report; Association of American Railroads, Railroad Facts 2024.

Change of Auditor

The Company announces that it has changed its auditors from Kreston GTA LLP (the "Former Auditor") to Bassi & Karimjee LLP (the "Successor Auditor"). The Former Auditor resigned effective April 13, 2026. The Successor Auditor was appointed on April 13, 2026, until the next annual shareholders' meeting.

There were no reservations or modified opinions in the Former Auditor's reports during their tenure. There are no reportable events including disagreements, consultations, or unresolved issues as defined in NI 51-102 between the Company and the Former Auditor. The board of directors and audit committee approved both the resignation and the appointment. The Notice of Change of Auditor and required letters have been filed on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

About QScreen AI Inc.

QScreen AI Inc. (CSE: QAI) (OTC Pink: PMEDF) (FSE: 3QP) is an emerging provider of rapid health screening and remote patient care solutions globally. The Company's Smarthealth AI stations are powered by a proprietary artificial intelligence and use multispectral cameras to analyze physiological data patterns and predict a variety of health issues including 19 physiological vital parameters, impairment by drugs or alcohol, fatigue, and various mental illnesses. QScreen AI's proprietary remote patient care platform empowers medical professionals with a suite of AI-powered tools to improve patient health outcomes.

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