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Tony Clark Joins MLBPA as Director of Player Relations

New York, NY, Wednesday, March 10, 2010 ... Major League Baseball Players Association Executive Director Michael Weiner today announced that former 15-year Major League veteran Tony Clark has been hired by the MLBPA as director of player relations. In this newly-created position, Tony will oversee the Union's expanded efforts in the areas of membership communications and education. Tony also will play a major role in future rounds of collective bargaining.

"It is an honor to welcome Tony to the Association's staff," said Weiner. "Tony is as passionate about this union as any player I've known and is highly respected throughout the game. He will be a tremendous asset to the players' cause."

"I am excited to begin this next chapter of my life by doing my best to ensure that the MLBPA remains a strong and cohesive union," stated Clark. "I am looking forward to developing relationships with all Union members, past and present, learning about the issues important to them, and keeping them informed and up to date on all issues related to the Basic Agreement."

Clark, 37, retired during the 2009 season, after spending 15 seasons with the Detroit Tigers, Arizona Diamondbacks, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, and San Diego Padres. Originally drafted by the Tigers in the first round (2nd overall) of the 1990 Amateur Draft, Clark made his big league debut in September of 1995, and finished third in 1996 Rookie of the Year voting. Clark, a first baseman, played in 1,559 games, appeared in the 2001 All-Star Game and finished his career with 1,188 hits, 251 home runs and 824 RBI.

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Tony became active in union affairs after attending his first Executive Board meeting in 1999. From there he became a team player representative, before spending his last seven seasons as an Association Representative, one of two players to serve in the Union's most senior player-leadership position. Tony was actively involved in the Union's collective bargaining negotiations in 2002 and 2006, as well as in negotiations over the Joint Drug Agreement.

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