

The Port of Trois-Rivières receives financial support from Transport Canada for the construction of Terminal 21

Trois-Rivières, October 9, 2020 – It is with great pride and gratitude that the Port of Trois-Rivières has received confirmation of significant financial assistance of \$33.4 million from Transport Canada for the construction of Terminal 21. The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs and MP of Saint-Maurice—Champlain, made the online announcement today.

“This financial support is of great importance for the future of the Port of Trois-Rivières. Terminal 21 is a crucial step in our *On Course for 2030* development plan. The Port of Trois-Rivières relies on a dynamic team, versatile and ambitious stevedores, as well as committed partners. This is our recipe for success and we intend to take this major step in our development in collaboration with all these players”, said Danielle St-Amand, Chair of the Port of Trois-Rivières Board of Directors.

A flagship project of the *On Course for 2030* development plan, this new terminal will increase by nearly 50% the Port's capacity, which is currently operating at full regime, as more and more companies seek to use its services to reach international markets. 716 metres of wharf facades will be added to the west of the current infrastructures, covering a surface area of nearly 100,000 m².

“Today's announcement comes in a context where we need to create the conditions for economic recovery. Terminal 21 will increase Port traffic by 1.5 million metric tons with an estimated value of \$2.7 billion. But a wharf, a terminal, is more than just an infrastructure. It represents above all several generations of employed men and women who will succeed one another. This is the largest expansion phase that the Port will experience in nearly one hundred years and is the foundation for its future development,” explained Mr. Gaétan Boivin, President and CEO of the Port of Trois-Rivières.

Used for the transshipment of dry bulk, liquid bulk and general cargo, this new terminal includes the construction of docks, retaining structures, vehicle and rail access roads and storage space. It will require a total investment of close to \$130 million.

Providing more than just a port infrastructure, Terminal 21 is first and foremost a means of increasing the competitiveness of our industries on world markets, particularly those in our region, since the Port of Trois-Rivières is one of the most closely connected to its regional economy.

With delivery scheduled for December 2023, its operation will result in the creation of 425 direct and indirect jobs and annual economic spin-offs of \$36 million. In a context of economic recovery, the construction phase will contribute to the creation of 630 jobs and spin-offs of \$99 million.

Terminal 21 will also contribute to attracting new businesses and new sectors of activity wishing to take advantage of this increased capacity at the Port of Trois-Rivières. The benefits of Terminal 21 will thus be compounded by the jobs created within these companies.

Innovation and environmental compliance will be at the heart of Terminal 21's development. The best of the collective knowledge of the players in the port community and the research community will be used to design a terminal that meets the performance challenges of today and tomorrow. It will become a driving force for growth and improved competitiveness of handling operations, in addition to revitalizing the economy.

On Course for 2030

To be an innovative urban port, generating growth,
at the heart of a competitive supply chain

About the Port of Trois-Rivières

As part of the 17 Canadian Port Authorities and active since 1882, the Port of Trois-Rivières offers a wide range of facilities and services to the maritime industry throughout the year. The Port is an important player in regional, national and international economic development for major industrial sectors such as the aluminum industry, forestry and agri-food. The Port of Trois-Rivières accommodates 55,000 trucks, 11,000 railcars and more than 250 merchant and cruise ships annually originating from over 100 different ports in more than 40 countries around the world. It handles over 4 million metric tonnes of traffic and supports more than 2,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.

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