

## 2020 review of activities at the Port of Trois-Rivières

**Trois-Rivières, January 28, 2021** – In 2020, the Port of Trois-Rivières recorded a volume of goods handled totalling 3.3 million metric tonnes (MMT). Although this is down from the record year of 2019, it is in line with the average of the last five years and with the forecasts made by the Port of Trois-Rivières.

Thus, the 2.9 MMT of dry bulk traffic represented 85% of the total tonnage, liquid bulk with 300,000 metric tonnes, 10%, and general cargo with 170,000 metric tonnes, 5%. A total of 209 vessels docked at the Port.

“As we all know, this past year has been difficult for everyone, we have all had to adjust to new realities. I would like to highlight the exceptional work and adaptability of our partners: our stevedores: G3 Canada, Logistec and Groupe Somavrac, the longshoremen and all the workers at the Port, as well as our clients and many collaborators. Thanks to them, we have been able to face this challenging period while meeting our established forecasts and continuing the deployment of the *On Course for 2030* development plan,” said Gaétan Boivin, President and CEO of the Port of Trois-Rivières. With this plan, the Port of Trois-Rivières' vision is to be “An innovative urban port, generating growth, at the heart of a competitive supply chain.”

### ***On Course for 2030***

An important milestone in the *On Course for 2030* plan was reached last October when Transport Canada confirmed financial assistance of \$33.4 million, out of a total investment of nearly \$130 million, for the construction of Terminal 21. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Member of Parliament for Saint-Maurice-Champlain, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, made the official announcement. 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 capacity, at a time when more and more companies are seeking to use its services to reach international markets. 716 metres of dock frontage and nearly 100,000 m<sup>2</sup> of surface area will be added to the west of the existing infrastructure. Commissioning is scheduled for early 2024.

The partnership between the Ports of Trois-Rivières and Montreal also reached an important milestone in 2020 with the deployment of three projects that will improve the maritime operations of both ports: the implementation of a common extranet portal to manage vessel arrivals, the harmonization of practices and procedures, and the implementation of a common access card for workers and visitors.

### Community investments

The Port of Trois-Rivières has also continued its sustained presence in the community by contributing to the mission of several local and regional organizations. In addition, in the context of the pandemic and the ensuing challenges, special donations were made to organizations that provide front-line assistance. COMSEP, Les Artisans de la Paix, Le Havre, Point de rue, Centraide Mauricie and Moisson Mauricie/Centre-du-Québec received special financial assistance.

It should also be noted that the Port has acquired the collection of works on canvas *Hommage au Saint-Laurent*, created by the artists' group composed of Gérard Boulanger, Yvon Lemieux, Raymond Quenneville, Robert Roy and Yvon St-Aubin, and is planning an exhibition when conditions permit.

### 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 200 merchant and cruise ships annually originating from over 100 different ports in more than 40 countries around the world. It handles over 3.3 million metric tonnes of traffic, is responsible for nearly 220 million dollars in economic spin-offs and generates more than 2,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.

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