

Original version in French

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Maritime Transport Infrastructure Investment Support Program

The Government of Québec supports infrastructure improvements at the Port of Trois-Rivières

Trois-Rivières, November 5, 2019. – The Government of Québec confirms that it will provide \$ 2,492,595 in financial assistance to the Trois-Rivières Port Authority for the development of an outdoor storage space, a multi-purpose shed and an oversized equipment warehouse. The Minister of Transport and Minister responsible for the Estrie region, François Bonnardel, and the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity and Minister responsible for the Mauricie region, Jean Boulet, made the announcement today.

The new warehouse will allow Hason to operate a receiving, storage and assembly unit for its oversized products and export these overseas. The project will create around 40 quality jobs.

Quotes

“The development of a storage space, a multi-purpose shed and an oversized equipment warehouse will directly contribute to the development of the industrial-port zone of Trois-Rivières. Our Government is proud to invest in improving the port’s marine transportation services and support regional economic development.”

François Bonnardel, Minister of Transport and Minister responsible for the Estrie region

“Hason’s operation of a storage and assembly unit in Trois-Rivières will stimulate the local and regional economy and create quality jobs in the Mauricie region. I am therefore very proud that our Government supports such a project and this shows the importance of the Port of Trois-Rivières as the economic engine of the Mauricie region.”

Jean Boulet, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity and Minister responsible for the Mauricie region

“As a key player in the development of the industrial-port zone of Trois-Rivières, we are proud of this new partnership with Hason. Thanks to this project, the port and the city of Trois-Rivières will benefit from an increased international influence, which will bring significant benefits to our community. The Government of Québec, the City of Trois-Rivières, Innovation and Economic Development Trois-Rivières and the industrial-port zone’s stakeholders have made a vital contribution to the realization of this major project.”

Gaétan Boivin, President and CEO of the Port of Trois-Rivières

“Hason is very proud to continue its growth in Trois-Rivières. The choice of Trois-Rivières was made possible not only by the Port’s proximity and the continued support of its team through our partnership, but also by the quality of the workforce present in the region and the range of services available. This new plant will enable Hason to reach new markets through the use of marine transportation, increase its exports and better serve its existing customer base while generating significant benefits for the local economy.”

Denis Blain, President and CEO, Hason Steel Products Inc.

“Since the creation of the industrial-port zone, the four partners involved have been working together towards a common goal, where each member contributes significantly to its success. The City of Trois-Rivières, Innovation and Economic Development Trois-Rivières, the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation and, of course, the Port of Trois-Rivières have come together to build a project that will have maximum benefits for our area. The establishment of Hason confirms the success of this partnership. This is a first announcement for Trois-Rivières' industrial-port zone, but certainly not the last.”

Jean Lamarche, Mayor of the city of Trois-Rivières

Highlights

- The initial project of 2016 provided for the development of a logistics park on the territory of the port of Trois-Rivières for indoor and outdoor storage. The project has since evolved to better meet the needs of local businesses, including Hason. The new version of the project includes the development of an outdoor storage space, a multi-purpose shed and an oversized equipment warehouse. The financial assistance planned initially was not modified with the new version of the project.
- Hason's operations of a storage and assembly unit will create some 40 jobs in Trois-Rivières.
- Financial assistance is provided under the Maritime Transport Infrastructure Investment Support Program, which aims to promote investment in the interests of competitiveness and sustainable development. It includes the following three components:
 - Component 1 – Maritime and intermodal infrastructure in freight transport
 - Component 2 – Pilot projects in freight transport
 - Component 3 – Maritime infrastructure in passenger transport

Related links

[Programme de soutien aux investissements dans les infrastructures de transport maritime](#)

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and on [Facebook](#).

– 30 –

Sources:

Florence Plourde
Press secretary
Office of the Minister of Transport
and Minister responsible for the Estrie region
Tel: 418 643-6980

Caroline D'Astous
Press secretary
Office of the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity
and Minister responsible for the Mauricie region
Tel: 418 643-7623

For information:

Media relations
Communications office
Ministère des Transports
Tel: Québec: 418 644-4444
Montréal: 514 873-5600
Toll free: 1 866 341-5724