

2019 Results
**A second consecutive record year
for the Port of Trois-Rivières**

Trois-Rivières, February 3, 2020 – The Port of Trois-Rivières ended 2019 with a new record for goods handled. A total of 4.2 million metric tonnes (MMT) transited through the Port, surpassing by 10% the record of 3.8 MTM in 2018.

Solid bulk traffic increased from 3.2 to 3.6 MMT. Liquid bulk remained stable at 0.3 MMT, which is comparable to the average for the past five years for this industry. General cargo also remained stable at 0.3 MMT, representing an increase of 36% compared to the average for the past five years. A total of 260 vessels docked at the Port, including 25 cruise ships.

“We owe this second consecutive record year to our partners, users, workers and customers. It is through their efforts to optimize operations and increase productivity that we can achieve such results. We would like to thank them”, said Mr. Gaétan Boivin, President and CEO of the Port of Trois-Rivières.

Mr. Boivin also wanted to emphasize that this handling record was attained in the context of the massive hiring of longshoremen over the past two years, which brought challenges in terms of training and knowledge transfer.

On Course for 2030

2019 was marked by the implementation of several projects stemming from the *On Course for 2030* development plan.

Last February, the Port launched **two innovation and environmental investment funds**. For the next five years, \$ 2.5 million, or \$ 250,000 per Fund per year, will be made available to port facility users and clients. Through this initiative, the Port supports its partners so they may carry out and even anticipate the realization of projects which, in the long term, will make the Port more competitive and improve its environmental performance, in addition to stimulating regional economic activity.

“The environment and innovation are cornerstones of the *On Course for 2030* development plan. With these funds, we are introducing concrete means to support our users and customers in the implementation of profitable projects at the Port and throughout the community”, added Mr. Boivin.

A **partnership** was also signed in April **with the Ports of Mulhouse-Rhin** with the aim of sharing good operational and business development practices, thereby increasing opportunities for all participants. More specifically, four areas of cooperation were recognized: port governance, commercial promotion, sharing of innovation and continental outreach. This agreement is part of the close collaboration approach initiated by Innovation et Développement économique Trois-Rivières and Mulhouse Alsace Agglomération in 2017.

The agreement concluded with **Hason Steel Products**, and announced last November, marked an important step in the implementation of the Industrial-Port Zone. Located on the Port's property on rue Bellefeuille, the building allows Hason to assemble its oversized products and export them overseas from the port facilities in Trois-Rivières. Thanks to this project, the Port and the city of Trois-Rivières will benefit from greater international outreach, which will generate significant spinoffs for the community.

As an **Urban Port**, the population was invited last September to participate in a public **open house day**. Despite the rainy weather, almost 1,000 people took part in the various activities and attractions. The public was able to take advantage of one of the fifty bus tours to visit the port facilities, in addition to meeting the Port's partners who were present to provide information about their organization and to answer questions. This open house day was without a doubt a unique opportunity to discover the Port and to promote the dynamic port community present in Trois-Rivières.

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, is responsible for nearly \$ 220 million in economic spinoffs and generates more than 2,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.

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