

***With traffic reaching 3.7 million tons, the Port of Trois-Rivières
enjoyed a record year in 2014***

Trois-Rivières, January 3rd, 2015 - With a 37% increase in traffic over last year, 2014 was a very successful year for the Port of Trois-Rivières. Traffic reached 3.7 million metric tons, 1.0 million over 2013 and 0.4 million over the previous record set in 2012.

This increase is the result of a strong rise in solid bulk traffic, which reached 3.3 million metric tons; in particular due to grain. Liquid bulk traffic remained at 0.3 million tons general cargo dropped from 152,000 to 127,000 metric tons. However, a highlight in this sector is the development of imported steel traffic. A total of 243 ships called on the port, 11 more than in 2013.

Three international cruise ships, with a total of 1796 passengers and 865 crew members visited the port in 2014. In this same year, the CTMA Voyageur stopped at Trois-Rivières for the first time before continuing on to Cap-aux-Meules, in the Îles de la Madeleine, and AML, a company that offers excursion cruises on the St. Lawrence, began operating in Trois-Rivières.

Once again this year, Mr. Cléo Marchand, Chairman of the Board of the TRPA, is very proud of the excellent performance of Trois-Rivières' port community. "What makes these results even more exceptional is the fact that navigation on the St. Lawrence, as well as rail transport, were significantly affected by extreme weather conditions at the beginning of the year. But the combined efforts of the TRPA's handlers, workers, transport companies and service companies enabled an unprecedented recovery which resulted in a record year," says Mr. Marchand.

But, in addition to tonnage, Mr. Gaétan Boivin, President and Chief Executive Officer, made a point of highlighting the efforts of the TRPA and its partners to improve the port's environmental balance sheet. He mentioned the adoption of new practices and technologies and investments in environmental technologies such as dust detectors and dust collectors. "These improvements are in keeping with a constant care for the port's sustainable development," states Mr. Boivin.

One of 18 Canadian Port Authorities, the Port of Trois-Rivières has been in operation since 1882 and offers a broad range of facilities and services to the maritime industry. It plays an important role in regional, national and international economic development.

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