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CANADA PORT COMMUNITY HONOURS ALPHONSE BÉLANGER WITH THE MEDAL OF MERIT AWARD

OTTAWA, ON August 20th, 2014 – Today, one of Canada’s leading voices in the shipping industry was honoured by the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) with the Medal of Merit Award.

Mr. Alphonse Bélanger, Executive Vice-President, Quebec Stevedoring Ltd., has worked in the maritime sector for more than 40 years. He joined Quebec Stevedoring in 1982 and has been a major contributor to the success of the company, which is well known throughout the maritime community. As Executive Vice-President he is closely involved in the development and management of the company’s various business lines. He has participated in numerous collective bargaining rounds over the years. Today, he mentors collective bargaining officials, who reap the benefit of his experience and sage advice. Mr. Bélanger is considered to be second to none in his ability to source key employees and to build strong and dependable work teams.

The *Medal of Merit* award was presented at ACPA’s 56th AGM and Conference taking place in Bathurst, New Brunswick, August 17-20th 2014 (<http://www.acpa2014.ca/>). It was presented today in recognition of outstanding work or service, preferably of national impact, by an individual, institution or organization in the port, shipping and maritime transportation fields.

“Alphonse has been a pillar and a leader on many facets of development at the Port of Belledune over the years. His continuous support and contributions are immeasurable; for this we are truly grateful” says Rayburn Doucett, President & CEO, Belledune Port Authority.

The Association has awarded the *Medal of Merit* annually since 1975. Past recipients include Madeleine Paquin, President and CEO of Logistec Corporation; the Hon. David Collenette, former Minister of Transport; Michel Pouliot, President of the Canadian Marine Pilots Association; Jack Leitch, Chair of the Upper Lakes Group; Blair McKeil, Chair and CEO of McKeil Marine and the late Captain Al Soppitt, former President and CEO of the Port of Saint John.

About the Association of Canadian Port Authorities

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities was founded in 1958 and groups together ports and related marine interests into one national association. ACPA represents all Canadian Port Authorities, various government entities and companies doing business in the marine sector. It is the leading Association for the advocacy and advancement of the Canadian Port Industry. ACPA members contribute significantly to the local, regional and national economy of Canada, responsible for more than 250,000 direct and indirect jobs and handling more than \$162 billion worth of goods annually.

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