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THE PORT OF SEPT-ÎLES HANDS OUT ITS 28th CANE TO THE FIRST SHIP OF THE YEAR

Sept-Îles, January 6th, 2015 – The M/V Cape Nelson, a Chinese registered vessel, sailing from Imbutiba Brezil, was the first ship to arrive in Sept-Îles this year, at 9h25 on January 4th, 2015. The vessel arrived laden with 14 328 metric tons of Petroleum Coke for Aluminerie Alouette, will set sail again on January 7th 2015, destined for a foreign port.

During a short ceremony, Mr Shawn Grant, Harbour Master of the Port of Sept-Îles, presented Captain Jin Qiu Ze, with the prestigious cane bearing the Port of Sept-Îles insignia.

Several gifts were presented to the Captain by Aluminerie Alouette and Lower St-Lawrence Ocean Agencies.

This tradition, now in its 28th year, marks the arrival of the first ship of the year to call the Port. To be eligible, the vessel must come directly from a foreign Port and be bound for a destination outside the country without making any other calls at a Canadian Port.

ABOUT THE PORT OF SEPT-ÎLES

Boasting a variety of state-of-the-art facilities, the Port of Sept-Îles is one of North America's leading iron ore ports. Sept-Îles' port facilities play a vital and strategic role in the operation of a number of businesses from the region's primary sector. The Port's annual economic impact is estimated at nearly \$1 billion, with some 4,000 direct and indirect jobs. Port activity at the Port of Sept-Îles therefore remains a significant source of wealth creation in Quebec and Canada.

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