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## **SVITZER ENTERS PORT OF MONTREAL SERVICING LOCAL & GLOBAL HARBOUR TOWAGE CLIENTS**

**Svitzer has established a harbour towage service in the Port of Montreal providing ship-docking, escort and ice-breaking services in response to customer demand for alternatives.**

Svitzer has mobilized two ice-class tugs to the Port of Montreal, *Svitzer Nerthus* and *Svitzer Njal* with a third tug arriving during mid-April. The tugs are 30m ASD tugs with 60tBP and 5000HP and were built at the East Isle Shipyard in Prince Edward Island in 2009. Following five years of service in Scandinavia, the vessels were mobilized to Canada for Svitzer's northern operation in Baffin Island. In addition, Svitzer will mobilize additional tugs during the next 12-18 months providing full-year service in the St. Lawrence River.

Martin Helweg, Managing Director of Svitzer Americas, highlights the significance of the entry. "Canada is one of our key growth markets in the Americas and we have expanded our operation in the country during the past few years. Montreal represents a great opportunity for our continued expansion and we have experienced a strong demand from our local and global customer-base to provide services within the St. Lawrence River."

Jakob Abrahamsen, General Manager, Svitzer Canada summarizes the importance of the entry into the primary container shipping hub in Central Canada. "Establishing our presence in the Port of Montreal is not only a key milestone for Svitzer Canada but as well for the overall harbour towage market in Canada. The feedback from our customers has been remarkable as they are demanding towage alternatives and we will continue focus our efforts on expanding our footprint wherever our customers request operationally reliable and commercially transparent harbour towage service."

For further information and to request rates and pricing, please contact Dylan Sheehan at [dylan.sheehan@svitzer.com](mailto:dylan.sheehan@svitzer.com) / +1 (514) 216-1654.

### **ABOUT SVITZER**

Since 1833, Svitzer has provided safety and support at sea. With 4,000 employees, a fleet of more than 450 vessels and operations all over the world, we are the global market leader within towage and marine related services. Svitzer is part of the Maersk Group.

The logo for Svitzer, featuring the word "SVITZER" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

## **ABOUT PORT OF MONTREAL**

Operated by the Montreal Port Authority (MPA), the Port of Montreal is a major diversified transshipment centre that handles all types of goods – containerized and non-containerized cargo, liquid bulk and dry bulk. It is a leading container port served by the largest container shipping lines in the world.

The Port of Montreal handled 1,402,393 TEUs (20-foot equivalent units) in 2014, representing 12,575,069 tonnes of cargo. The Port also handled 9,246,741 tonnes of liquid bulk, and 8,433,434 tonnes of dry bulk, including 4,075,879 tonnes of grain. The total volume of goods handled in 2014 amounted to 30,445,984 million tonnes.

The Port of Montreal has its own railway network directly dockside. It is connected to the two national rail networks and a highway system. The Port operates a passenger terminal that welcomed 71,044 passengers and crew members in 2014. All other terminals are run by private stevedoring firms.