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## Press Release

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*To the information media*

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### **A positive balance for the international cruise season at Quebec City**

***Québec, November 30, 2007 – As a result of visits by international cruise ships, the Port of Québec was the entryway for 93,759 visitors to Quebec City.***

With a slight increase in the number of passengers and crew members, the Quebec Port Authority (QPA) has recorded very positive results for the 2007 season. Indeed, the season-end statistics show that the Port welcomed 66,152 passengers and 27,697 crew members. Of the 66,152 passengers, 11,981 began or ended their cruise this year at the cruise-ship terminal at Pointe-à-Carcy. For the 2006 season, the corresponding figures were 65,801 passengers and 25,347 crew members.

A number of events marked the season just ended, including the return visit of the *Queen Mary 2*, the maiden visits of the *Norwegian Dawn* and the *Grand Princess* and the presence of four cruise ships in the Port at the same time on September 28.

In terms of logistics, we also successfully completed the embarkation and disembarkation operations for the imposing *Grand Princess*. "As a result of close co-operation with Princess Cruises, the tour operator, the shipping agent and the Jean-Lesage International Airport, we showed that our marine facilities and our staff are able to meet the needs of vessels of all shapes and sizes and we are very proud of this fact," said Martine Bélanger.

The Port of Québec continues to play a very active role in the development of international cruises and many meetings with decision-makers in this industry are

on the list of things to do in 2008. In addition, the QPA continues to be very active in the St. Lawrence Cruise Association (SLCA). Active and sustained promotion of the St. Lawrence is essential if we want to ensure that the whole province of Quebec becomes a well-known destination for international cruises.

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