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2010 gold-headed cane awarded to Captain Davor Oguic

Québec City, January 5, 2010 – The Québec Port Authority is proud to be perpetuating one of the oldest and most precious traditions of the Québec marine industry’s historical heritage by awarding the 2010 gold-headed cane to the Captain of the MCT Matterhorn, Mr. Davor Oguic.

Arrived at 8:21 p.m. on January 1, the MCT Matterhorn was the first ocean-going ship to berth in the Port of Québec in 2010. Sailing under Switzerland flag, this tanker of 164 meters and 12 776 gross tonnage, called at wharf 50 of the Beauport sector coming from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The ship was here to unload a methanol cargo at the IMTT-Quebec terminal.

Since the ship left early on January 3, the marine agent responsible for the ship received the symbolic trophy in the name of Captain Oguic. “Awarding the gold-headed cane represents the very essence of extraordinary teamwork, in my opinion. Thanks to the joint efforts of all stakeholders, among those the marine pilots, the seagoing personnel from Ocean Group’s tugs, the Canadian Coast Guard icebreakers, as well as the Lower St. Lawrence Ocean Agencies Ltd., to name a few, the Port of Québec can continue to reinforce its role of forefront economic generator for the region and the country,” mentions Mr. Ross Gaudreault, the QPA’s President and Chief Executive Officer.

It should be reminded that the Québec Port Authority is an independent federal agency constituted in accordance with the *Canada Marine Act*. According to a

study conducted in 2007 by SECOR Group, activities from the marine and harbour sectors of Québec City generate close to \$800 M in terms of economic impact on the Canadian scale, revenues of close to \$160 M in taxes for the different government levels, as well as an essential contribution to the maintenance of nearly 9,800 jobs.

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