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Passing of a former CEO of the Port of Montreal

Montreal, February 24, 2009 – The Montreal Port Authority was deeply saddened to learn today of the passing of Mr. Nicholas Beshwaty, who from 1972 to 1983 was President of the Port of Montreal.

As a student, he unloaded ships during the Great Depression. After completing his studies in 1942, he enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force and following active overseas service, in 1946 he joined the National Harbours Board, where he held many positions in administration and operations alike, notably a four-year stint as general manager of the grain elevators.

He was president of the Canadian Port and Harbour Association and the American Association of Port Authorities.

Mr. Beshwaty left his mark over a career that saw him rise from entry-level clerk to the highest level of administration as Chief Executive Officer of the Montreal Port Authority. Many employees still remember the care he took to visit the various sections of the Port to assess the work they were accomplishing.

“Mr. Beshwaty’s personality and dynamism had a strong impact on the Montreal Port Authority. The MPA’s operational and financial success during the 1970s were largely thanks to him,” stated Mr. Patrice M. Pelletier, current President and Chief Executive Officer of the Montreal Port Authority.

The Montreal Port Authority extends its sincere condolences to Mr. Beshwaty’s family, and in particular his children and grandchildren.



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About the Montreal Port Authority

The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) operates the world's largest inland port. It is a leader among container ports, handling 26 million tonnes of cargo annually. In 2008, the Port of Montreal handled more than 1,473,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units). The Port of Montreal operates its own rail network, providing direct access to berths, and is linked to two major railways and a highway system. It also operates a grain terminal and a marine passenger terminal. All other terminals are operated by private stevedoring firms. Through its activities, the Port of Montreal generates 18,200 jobs and \$1.5 billion in economic spin-offs every year.

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