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THE PORT OF MONTRÉAL WELCOMES ITS FIRST GREEN AWARD CERTIFIED VESSEL

MONTREAL, May 12, 2009 – The Utviken, a bulk carrier flying the flag of the Bahamas, arrived Tuesday at the Port of Montreal's grain terminal to load 23,000 tonnes of wheat to be delivered to the Port of Antwerp in Belgium.

With its Green Award certification, the Utviken becomes the first ship to benefit from a 10% fee reduction on port dues since the Port of Montreal officially became a partner in the international Green Award program on January 29, 2009.

Built in 1984 in Bilbao, Spain, this 190-metre long vessel is operated by a Filipino crew under the command of Captain Eulogio Panulaya. The Utviken is represented in Montreal by the Fednav International Ltd. shipping agency. Before calling into the Port of Montreal, she was at Thorold, Ontario.

About Green Award

Green Award is a program launched by the Green Award Foundation, an independent and impartial body that, since 1994, has focused on the worldwide certification of seagoing vessels. Its objective is to stimulate and reward environmentally aware conduct of shipowners and their crews.

Vessels eligible for Green Award certification are dry bulk carriers and tankers, including oil tankers, with a registered minimum deadweight of 20,000 tonnes. They are evaluated on their technical condition, the quality of their crew and the vessel's onshore management. Vessels that meet these criteria receive Green Award certification, subject to annual verification and valid for three years. The certificate guarantees that the vessel is extra clean and extra safe. In exchange, it is entitled to reductions from the roughly 30 ports partnering in the program in 7 countries. About 220 seagoing vessels are currently certified by Green Award.



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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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