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The Port of Montreal rewarded for the quality of its cruise passenger and ship services

Montreal, June 3, 2009 – The Port of Montreal has just won the 2008 *Best Turnaround Port Operations Award* from Dream World Cruise Destinations Magazine. Eight other ports around the world also received this distinction awarded to ports that stand out for the excellence of their infrastructures, such as berths and the terminal or passenger handling building, and the quality of their passenger and ship services, such as security, customs, baggage handling, cleaning, supplying and stevedoring.

A total of 231 ports and destinations were in competition for the different categories of the Dream World Cruise Destinations 2008 Awards edition.

“It is a great honour to receive this award. The Montreal Port Authority is constantly at work to maintain high quality standards for its cruise operations and we will continue to improve our services for the benefit of cruise lines and passengers,” stated Tony Boemi, Vice-President, Growth and Development.

In 2008, 39,638 cruise passengers transited through the Port of Montreal, up 14% from the previous year.



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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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