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Montreal Port Authority (MPA)

Situation at the Port of Montreal, at noon, July 20

Montreal, July 20, 2010 – The Montreal Port Authority reports the situation at the Port of Montreal following the labour dispute between the Maritime Employers Association and its longshore labour force as follows:

- The Maritime Employers Association is maintaining its lockout.
- There are no incidents to report.
- The road entrances to the Port are being picketed by members of the Longshoremen's Union.
- Freight car movement to and from the Port has been suspended.
- Rail traffic inside the Port was suspended.
- There is no vessel requiring the work of longshoremen for its operation in the Port.
- The grain terminal can receive bulk cargo by water but cannot ship by vessel.
- Cargo in the terminals is not being handled.

About the Port of Montreal

The Port of Montreal is a major diversified transshipment centre that handles all types of goods - non-containerized cargo, liquid bulk and dry bulk. It is a leading container port served by 7 of the 10 largest container shipping lines in the world. Close to 1,250,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) were handled at the Port of Montreal in 2009, representing 11,266,000 tonnes of cargo.



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The Port of Montreal owns its own rail network, operated directly on the piers. It is connected to the two nationwide railways and a highway system. The Port also operates its own grain terminal and a marine passenger terminal that welcomed 47,534 passengers and crew members in 2009. All the other terminals are operated by private stevedoring firms. Port activity supports 18,200 jobs and generates \$1.5 billion in economic spin-offs per year.

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