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First Ship of 2014 at the Port of Belledune

Belledune NB - The Belledune Port Authority (BPA) officially greeted Captain Subhendu Kumar Subudhi, Master of the M.V. “Dragonera”, the first ship to lay anchor at the Port of Belledune in 2014.

The M.V. “Dragonera” is registered in Malta and her last port of call before arriving in Belledune was Port of Barranquilla. The vessel’s agent is Calypso Marine Agency, represented by Mr. Raymond Corbin. The M.V. “Dragonera” docked at the Port of Belledune the morning of January 13th, 2014 where the Vessel is currently unloading approximately 25 000 MT of metcoke.

Mr. Rayburn Doucett, President and CEO of the BPA, presented Subhendu Kumar Subudhi with a commemorative gift at a ceremony held at the Belledune Port Authority’s Administrative offices.

Mr. Doucett also took the opportunity to welcome the Captain, with his Chief Officer, Krishna Mohan Peethala, Chief Engineer, Avinash Choudhary, and crew members, to the Port of Belledune as well as thank the staff and Board of Directors for their continuous support and further stated that: “Early in 2013, the Belledune Port Authority faced many challenges including the expiry of several of its long-term contract agreements. The first with its stevedoring company, Eastern Canada Stevedoring which is renowned for their exceptional flexibility and service; the second, with its major tenant - NB Power, Operator of Terminal 2 who also celebrated a 20 year partnership with the Port of Belledune in 2013 and yet another with Irving Oil, Operator of the liquid bulk storage tanks; all of which have been renewed demonstrating their continued support and commitment to the Port. For this, we are truly appreciative. I therefore commend the staff for successfully negotiating all of the above-mentioned agreements, thus securing the long-term viability of the Port. Furthermore, to attain a strong financial performance in the face of a global recession is a testament to the Port’s vibrant operations, efficient marshalling of resources and excellent service - a remarkable achievement indeed! ”

Representatives Mr. Yvon Godin, Member of Parliament for Acadie-Bathurst, Mr. Don MacGregor from Glencore, and Mr. Donald Roy from Eastern Canada Stevedoring, also attended the ceremony.

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