



Press Release

BUILDING ON SUCCESS, NEAS READIES FOR 2015 ARCTIC SEALIFT SEASON

IQALUIT, KUUJJUAQ, February 6, 2015 /NEAS.ca/ – Planning for the 2015 Arctic sealift season is underway at NEAS. Customers are reminded to reserve your space as soon as possible to ensure smooth sailing for your 2015 sealift order.

If you are at the Kitikmeot Trade Show, February 9th – 11th in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, be sure to stop by the NEAS booth. The NEAS team will be on hand to answer questions and help you make 2015 your best sealift ever.

2014 Season In Review

Overall, the 2014 season saw NEAS complete 13 return navigations with 5 vessels making over 100 stops serving remote communities, mines and more along the way. This included 10 stops in Iqaluit and 3 in Kuujuaq.

Important projects, including the Iqaluit International Airport P3 Project, the Canadian High Arctic Research Station in Cambridge Bay, and the Glencore Wind Turbine Energy Project, all contributed to significant increases in NEAS volumes. To meet the growth in demand, NEAS added a 5th new vessel to its fleet with the importation of the *MV Erasmusgracht*.

NEAS offered Training and Employment opportunities to 4 local Inuit through Nunavut Fisheries Marine Training Consortium. In total, NEAS hired 10 local Inuit from Nunavut and Nunavik to work onboard the NEAS vessels.

Safety Improvements in Iqaluit

The Government of Nunavut is to be commended for the implementation of the Sealift Safety Program in 2014 in Iqaluit. Beach safety was improved with public education, signage, safety pamphlets, and more secure customer and work areas. NEAS continues to promote marine safety for all Arctic communities.

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Areas for Improvement and Increased Cooperation

In 2014, a NEAS vessel waited 6 days for assistance from a Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker while stuck at the Bellot Strait en route to the Kitikmeot Region. This delay resulted in over a quarter of a million dollars in additional costs and resulted in significant delays for sealift customers.

Moving forward, NEAS looks to work with CCG to improve and clarify service delivery priorities over the Arctic sealift season.

Over the 2014 season, the federal government continued to significantly increase marine fees charges on Arctic resupply vessels, including the NEAS fleet. NEAS estimates that federal marine fees on Arctic resupply vessels are now 600% more than the national average rate, and over 230% more than the average rate charged by the federal government on international vessels.

Additionally, NEAS is actively working to limit cost increases for remote communities that may result from the implementation of new federal fuel regulations.

NEAS is committed to ensuring Canadian consumers who live in remote communities across the Arctic are not subject to unfair federal regulations that directly increase the basic cost of living.

About NEAS

NEAS is the fastest-growing sealift operation serving Canada's Arctic. With a team of dedicated employees, NEAS delivers a superior sealift experience for customers with reliable marine transportation, marshalling, packaging and container services across the Eastern and Western Arctic, including Nunavik (northern Quebec), and the Baffin, Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions of Nunavut. NEAS customers include individuals, businesses, stores, mines, local communities, and government departments and agencies.

Reserve Your Space Now

From large mining projects to small individual orders and everything in between, the professionals at NEAS can help you succeed in the Canadian Arctic. Reserve your space online at www.NEAS.ca or call 1-877-225-NEAS (6327).

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