



Press Release

A NEW NEAS VESSEL, MORE NEAS INUIT TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, A SEALIFT SAFETY REMINDER, AND MORE...

IQALUIT, KUJJUAQ, July 17, 2014 /NEAS/ – The NEAS Board of Directors is pleased to announce a new addition to the NEAS fleet of arctic sealift vessels, the *MV Erasmusgracht*.

The *MV Erasmusgracht* began loading at the Port of Valleyfield, Quebec, on July 8, after arriving in Canada on July 5th. She departed on her maiden Arctic voyage July 12th serving Iqaluit, Nunavut.

“This vessel is an important step in the NEAS re-fleeting strategy,” said Ms. Suzanne Paquin, President and CEO. “We are increasing our capacity to meet rising demand while planning for sustainable growth and development.”

Inuit Training and Employment

Once again this season, eight local Inuit are working on board NEAS vessels. NEAS provided marine training for four local Inuit this year. In total, NEAS has provided marine training for 50 local Inuit since the program began, with many Inuit candidates progressing to employment and promotion aboard NEAS vessels.

Safety Reminder

When the sealift is in your community, stay safe and stay clear of the marine work areas. Keep children away. Remember, do not drive your vehicles in our around the beach areas when cargo is being discharged. Safety is a shared responsibility.

Iqaluit Beach Office Open

The NEAS beach office is open to assist customers in Iqaluit. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or whenever NEAS cargo is being discharged on the beach. Local NEAS staff is on site to answer questions, provide assistance and direct customers on cargo pick up procedures. You may report to the NEAS beach office to pick up your cargo.

About the *MV Erasmusgracht*

Built in 1994 with a capacity of 730 TEUS, the *MV Erasmusgracht* is a 137 meters (450 feet) ice class 1, multi-purpose tweendecker that offers 3 combinable cranes of 60 tons.

In addition to the *MV Erasmusgracht*, the NEAS fleet includes the *MV Umiavut*, the *MV Avataq*, the *MV Qamutik*, and the *MV Mitiq*, purchased in 2000, 2007, 2008, and 2013 respectively.

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.

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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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