



Press Release

NEW NEAS VESSEL, MV MITIQ, ENHANCES ARCTIC SEALIFT FOR NUNAVIK AND NUNAVUT

IQALUIT, July 19, 2013 /NEAS/ – The Board of Directors of NEAS is pleased to announce the arrival, inauguration and maiden Arctic navigation of the newest vessel in the NEAS sealift fleet, the *MV Mitiq*.

The *MV Mitiq* arrived safely in Canada on July 1st, and was inaugurated in special celebration at the Port of Valleyfield, Quebec, on July 5th before she departed July 7 on her maiden Arctic voyage. Loaded with essential resupply cargoes, the *MV Mitiq* is calling on communities across Nunavik and Nunavut, including Kangiqsujuaq, Iqaluit, Baker Lake and more. Check out the sailing schedule on NEAS.ca for complete details on all the stops of the *MV Mitiq*'s inaugural sailing. "The *MV Mitiq* is another example of NEAS active contribution to the sustainable social and economic development of Nunavik and Nunavut," said Michael Gordon, Chairman of NEAS. "The *MV Mitiq* is the fourth NEAS vessel with Inuit ownership. This is an historic achievement."

In addition to the *MV Mitiq*, the NEAS fleet of Inuit owned vessels includes the *MV Umiavut*, the *MV Avataq*, and the *MV Qamutik*, purchased in 2000, 2007, and 2008 respectively.

"The NEAS re-fleeting strategy is a huge success," confirmed Suzanne Paquin, President and CEO. "NEAS is investing in modern Canadian flag vessels, improving cargo services, and enhancing the overall sealift experience for customers. NEAS is your best sealift choice."

About the *MV Mitiq*

Built in 1995 with a capacity of 730 TEUS, the *MV Mitiq* is a 137 meters (450 feet) ice class 1, multi-purpose tweendecker that offers 3 combinable cranes of 60 tons. She is the sistership to the *MV Qamutik* (the largest in the NEAS fleet). The *Mitiq* received its name as the winning entry in a naming contest held in Nunavik and Nunavut by NEAS.

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. To reserve your space online, visit <http://www.NEAS.ca> or give us a call at 1-877-225-6327. We are here to help.

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The *MV Mitiq* is the latest addition to NEAS' growing fleet of modern vessels serving Canada's Arctic communities. At 137 meters length, the new vessel is an ice class 1, multi-purpose, tweendecker that offers specialized cargo and advanced handling technologies.

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