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NEAS Responds to Transportation Safety Board Report on MV Sivumut Incident

Iqaluit, NU; Montreal, QC – (October 8, 2025) NEAS welcomes the final report from the **Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB)** regarding the **October 27, 2023**, incident involving the **MV Sivumut** during cargo operations in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

The incident, which involved a crew member overboard and the loss of 23 containers, prompted immediate action from the NEAS team, local partners, and Canadian authorities. The crew member was safely rescued within **10 minutes**, and to date, **20 of the 23 containers** (approximately 90%) have been recovered. The remaining items are mapped and set for recovery, weather and ice permitting.

“We listened. We learned. And we are safer and better than ever,” said Daniel Dagenais, President and CEO of The NEAS Group. **“The TSB’s report provides valuable insight. We welcome their findings and have taken meaningful steps to ensure that the lessons from this event shape stronger, safer operations going forward.”**

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Since the incident, NEAS has taken the following **corrective and preventive actions**:

- Reinforced **emergency procedures** for all crews.
- Improved **real-time communication systems** for monitoring weather and ice conditions.
- Updated **operational manuals** and internal protocols based on lessons learned.
- Introduced **minimum freeboard markings on NEAS barges** to improve stability awareness, above and beyond regulations.

NEAS has worked in close partnership with **Transport Canada**, the **Transportation Safety Board**, and other regulatory authorities to ensure **compliance, transparency**, and continuous improvement.

“This night of the Sivumut marked a turning point”, said Dagenais. **“With the support of our crews, and federal partners like Transport Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard, and RCMP, we have taken real steps to become even more resilient, responsive, and safe.”**
