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PORT OF WINDSOR TONNAGE SURGES IN 2012

The Port of Windsor experienced a solid growth in total cargo handled in 2012, with overall tonnage volumes increasing from the previous year by approximately 7.5% to 5,455, 655 tonnes.

David Cree, President and C.E.O of the Windsor Port Authority noted that “the increase is great news and is attributable to the surge in construction aggregate shipments due to an increased demand from major construction projects, particularly the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway”.

Construction aggregates including stone, sand and aggregates increased by over 49% in 2012. These materials represent nearly 42% of port throughput on an annual basis and are handled by CBM-St Mary’s Cement, Coco Aggregates (Coco Group), Essroc Italcementi Group, Lafarge Canada Ltd, Miller Aggregates Southwest (Miller Group) and Southwestern Sales Corporation Ltd. The Windsor Port Authority President is very pleased with the year’s results stating, “Overall, the Port is rebounding well from the global recession and with construction aggregate volumes continuing to lead the way, we are very optimistic about both the short and long term growth”.

Dry bulk products recorded a slight decrease in 2012 due mainly to a decline in salt shipments following the mild winter in 2011-2012. The upward momentum of grain related products was well maintained in 2012 and balanced the slight decrease in salt shipments. General cargo was up overall due to increased steel demand and the continued strength of imported project cargoes such as wind turbine parts.

Lafarge Canada Inc completed its storage capacity expansion in 2012 and is working with the Port Authority and Essex Regional Conservation Authority on an extensive shore line softening project along their dock which will also include the installation of fish habitat. Cree noted that, "this is an example of the continuing commitment of the marine industry to the environment and is an exciting partnership which will result in the construction of significantly more fish habitat along the Detroit River".

"We continue to see strength in the marine industry and especially the Port of Windsor with 2012 being another positive year for Windsor and Essex County" stated Mr. Cree, "We have equaled or surpassed the gains seen in other ports of the Great Lakes and the Saint Lawrence Seaway System and we are optimistic that the port will post another strong year in 2013."

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