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Port of Goderich joins Green Marine's ranks

Goderich, Ontario, February 20, 2020 – The Port of Goderich is the newest Green Marine participant and the tenth Great Lakes port authority to become part of the largest voluntary environmental certification program for North America's maritime industry.

"Joining a key stewardship program such as Green Marine is consistent with the directed goal of continuous environmental improvement at the heart of our operations and it also aligns with the port's wharf expansion project," said Rowland Howe, president of the Goderich Port Management Corporation.

The Port of Goderich is committed to sustainability as it continues to expand its regional economic importance, being the only deep-water port on the east shore of Lake Huron.

"We're so pleased to welcome the Port of Goderich into the Green Marine program where it can benchmark its progress along with more than 40 other U.S. and Canadian ports," said David Bolduc, Green Marine's executive director.

Green Marine offers a step-by-step roadmap for port authorities, terminal operators, shipping lines and shipyard managers to voluntarily and measurably reduce their environmental footprint. The comprehensive program addresses key environmental issues using 12 performance indicators that include lowering air emissions, minimizing community impacts, and demonstrating environmental leadership.

The Green Marine certification process is rigorous and transparent. Results are independently verified every two years and each company's individual results are published annually and made available on line at www.green-marine.org/certification/results/.

About the Port of Goderich

As the only deep-water port on Lake Huron's East shoreline, the Port of Goderich is an important commercial shipping hub in southwestern Ontario, providing services to the region's agricultural, manufacturing and mining industries. Approximately 250 ships dock at the port annually, either loading or delivering commodities such as salt, grain and calcium chloride. The port is also used by fishing vessels and other boats. Owned by the Town of Goderich, the port and its administration are overseen by the Goderich Port Management Corporation.

Green Marine overview

Established in 2007, Green Marine is a leading North American environmental certification program for the maritime transportation industry. The program stems from the maritime industry's voluntary initiative to surpass regulatory requirements. There are currently more than 125 companies – ship owners, port authorities, terminal operators and shipyard managers – from coast to coast in Canada and the United States participating in the program. The program's unique character derives from the support earned from more than 65 environmental organizations, scientific research programs and government agencies. These supporters contribute to shaping and revising the program.

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