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Arctic-class capesize ships

Earlier this year, Fednav was selected as the shipping partner for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation to develop and deliver shipping solutions for Baffinland's Mary River Iron Ore Project.

The project involves the mining and transportation of more than 12.5 million tonnes per year of some of the world's highest-quality lump iron ore and fines from Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic.

Under guidance from Fednav, Aker Arctic of Helsinki has designed a capesize ship of 170,000 tonnes displacement with 130,000 tonnes cargo capacity fitted with an ice-breaking bow similar to that of Fednav's MV Arctic.

This ship is designed to shatter up to two metres of ice without stopping, and would be over four times bigger than the world's largest existing icebreaking bulk carrier, Fednav's Umiak I.

Fednav plans to put the final touches on a long-term shipping solution for their clients by the end of next year.



Photo credit: Gus Dicker



Fednav joins HWY H₂O

This past October, Fednav joined HWY H₂O, a marketing initiative launched in 2004 led by the Canadian and U.S. Seaway Corporations. The initiative works to identify and promote key opportunities for the marine transportation mode along the 3,700-kilometer (2,400-mile) St. Lawrence River/St. Lawrence Seaway/Great Lakes marine corridor.

Additional newbuilding from Oshima Shipyard

Fednav has ordered another 35,300 DWT six-hold Laker from Oshima Shipyard in Japan. The vessel is schedule to join the fleet in 2013.

As with other vessels previously announced, this Oshima newbuilding will consume five metric tons less fuel per day while at sea, an improvement that ties in with Fednav's commitment to continuously improving operational and environmental standards.



Appointment to the Laurentian Pilotage Authority

On October 15, the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, announced the appointment of Michel Tosini to the board of directors of the Laurentian Pilotage Authority. Michel joined Fednav as Vice-President and General Manager, Federal Marine Terminals, Inc. (FMT) in October 2006.





Green Marine initiative unveiled

Green Marine was officially unveiled at the Quebec Marine Day held this past October. For the first time in North America, all sectors of the marine industry have united to voluntarily adopt an environmental programme designed to drive a process of continuous improvement along the major maritime corridor that represents the St. Lawrence, Seaway, and Great Lakes.

Green Marine was founded by seven marine industry associations in Canada and the U.S. who decided to further reduce their environmental footprint by taking action around six major issues specific to their operations. These issues are: aquatic invasive species, pollutant air emissions, greenhouse gases, cargo residues, oily water, and conflicts of use in ports and terminals (noise, dust, odours, and light).

With Fednav sitting on the steering committee, programme participants already include over 30 companies representing the bulk of marine operations in this corridor.

Sources: [Green Marine](#) website and the [CNW Group](#)



Fednav Direct celebrates five years!

Fednav Direct recently celebrated five years of offering inland logistics solutions throughout the U.S. and Canada. This celebration marks the success of the group's activities in the distribution and inventory management of steel and breakbulk cargoes from pier to door.



FMT Richmond certified for C-TPAT

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) welcomed Federal Marine Terminals (Richmond), Inc. as a certified partner in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT).

By participating with CBP, FMT Richmond contributes to help secure U.S. borders and ensures the continued free flow of international trade.

Fednav Direct exhibits at Steel Logistics Conference

Fednav Direct exhibited at the inaugural Steel Logistics Conference in Rotterdam, hosted by publishers *Metal Bulletin*, from September 24 to 26. The conference featured delegates and speakers from the steel community focusing on the entire process of "taking steel products from the mill to the customer." Fednav Direct currently manages several high-volume Just-In-Time programmes for steel industry leaders and is dedicated to continued excellence in the distribution of steel products throughout North America.



18th annual Breakbulk Transportation Conference & Exhibition

This past October, FIL, FALLine, FMT, and Fednav Direct exhibited at the 18th annual Breakbulk Transportation Conference & Exhibition held again in New Orleans. The popular event attracted 1800 industry representatives including shippers, carriers, logistics providers, terminal operators, and others involved in the international carriage of general and project cargoes.

Enfotec offers ice navigation expertise to Baffinland

In October, Bob Gorman of Enfotec, a subsidiary of Fednav, visited five northern Baffin Island communities with representatives of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation to provide an update on the progress of the Baffinland's iron mine development project and to respond to questions as an ice navigation expert.

Enfotec has provided customized ice forecasting services to Baffinland and has been instrumental in planning the company's transportation service concept and future vessel requirements.

Progress at the Mary River mine is well underway. Support from local communities is strong and the construction of the road between the Milne Inlet and the Mary River mine is expected to be completed this year. Mining operations of the bulk sample are scheduled to begin this month.