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Possible disruption to the transport service of the Anticosti Island and the Lower North Shore

Quebec City, June 1st 2016 — Relais Nordik Inc., the company that assures the Anticosti Island and the Lower North Shore maritime transport service for goods and passengers, received a notice from the *Syndicat des Métallos, section locale 9599*, representing its Deck Officers and Engineer Officers, advising that it plans to strike as of June 6th at 11:59 pm.

The maritime transport service being submitted to a decree from the Government of Quebec to ensure critical services are maintained during a strike, the union submitted a list of services to be maintained during the strike to the *Tribunal administratif du travail du Québec*. In this regard, the *Tribunal administratif du travail* held a hearing on Tuesday May 31st and will rule shortly on the sufficiency of the list of critical services proposed by the union.

Relais Nordik asked the *Tribunal administratif du travail* to suspend the strike for different motives, including the insufficiency of the list of services proposed by the union. Relais Nordik's President-General Manager, Mr. Francis Roy, mentioned that the company will do everything in its power to maintain all services due to the particular nature of the maritime transport service for the entire region but will have to respect the ruling of the *Tribunal administratif du travail*.

Relais Nordik highlighted that Anticosti Island and many Lower North Shore communities do not have any access to the provincial road system and are almost entirely dependent on the maritime transport service for the reliable availability of general goods and food of all sorts at a reasonable cost, as much for the public health and safety of Anticosti Island and the Lower North Shore than for its economy.

Mr. Roy also mentioned Relais Nordik's desire to continue negotiations in order to achieve a reasonable solution to the issues separating the parties.

Following the ruling of the *Tribunal administratif du travail*, Relais Nordik will be in position to inform its clients about any service modifications, if any.

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