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**Press Release**

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**HEAVY ICE PREVENTS M/V BELLA DESGAGNÉS FROM REACHING BLANC-SABLON**

**Quebec City, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – Relais Nordik, operator of the coastal supply ship service for Anticosti Island and the Lower North Shore, announced today that heavy ice conditions in the Strait of Belle-Isle have rendered access to Blanc-Sablon impossible.

Despite assistance from the ice-breaker CCGS **Terry Fox**, which arrived last evening to contribute to the efforts, relieving the CCGS **Henry Larsen**, it is not possible to open a path into the port. Furthermore, the ice conditions are not expected to change in the next few days based on our discussions with the Canadian Coast Guard.

Therefore, the Company has made the decision to head towards the village of La Romaine just east of Kegaska, as the ports of Saint-Augustin, La Tabatière, Tête-à-la-Baleine and Harrington Harbour are currently also inaccessible due to a significant quantity of ice.

After La Romaine, the vessel will continue westbound. It remains impossible to estimate the arrival time at La Romaine and in the various upstream ports it serves, and as such the Company suggests that its clients follow the *Bella Desgagnés*' progress via the Company's website <http://position.desgagnes.com/rni.asp>, which will be regularly updated. Users of the service are asked to check with their local agent for the expected arrival and departure times of the vessel at their port location.

The representatives of the Company mentioned that they will make every effort to minimize impacts on their clients and return to the usual schedule as soon as possible.

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