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Press Release

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THE M/V BELLA DESGAGNÉS FORCED AT A TEMPORARY STOP

Rimouski, September 23, 2019 — Relais Nordik, operator of the maritime service of the Anticosti Island and the Lower North Shore, announced that M/V *Bella Desgagnés* is currently in Sept-Îles to repair an electric motor essential to the propulsion of the ship. The crew is actively working to correct the situation, but the vessel's stopping could persist until Wednesday, September 25th.

In order to avoid breaking the supply cycle for the residents of the Lower North Shore and Anticosti Island, Relais Nordik has taken an exceptional measure by chartering the *Argentia Desgagnés* to transport the goods directly from Rimouski to Blanc-Sablon. This exceptional measure will minimize delivery delay for its customers by allowing *Bella Desgagnés* to leave Sept-Îles once the repairs are completed, and go directly to Anticosti Island and the Lower North Shore.

Passengers planning to travel on the *Bella Desgagnés* during its downstream journey (Eastbound) should expect significant delays. It is for this reason that the Company asks all these customers to make a reservation quickly by contacting the RNI office in Rimouski at 1-800-463-0680.

The entire Relais Nordik team is actively working to resolve this situation, which is disrupting the supply and transportation cycle for the residents of Anticosti Island and the Lower North Shore.

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