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High vessel activity at the Port of Belledune in February

Belledune NB - The Belledune Port Authority (BPA) welcomed a total of six vessels in the month of February. The BPA hasn't harbored this many vessels in February since 2012 when they received a total of seven vessels that month.

"We are very impressed with the number of vessels we received this past month," said Denis Caron, President & CEO of the BPA. "We have been focused on creating new opportunities and encouraging new development as we strive to diversify the operation, and it's extremely encouraging to see the positive results of those continuous efforts."

Despite February typically being a slower month compared to others, the Port of Belledune remains a year-round, ice-free, deep-water port and it has the capacity to receive vessels during any month of the year.

The BPA deals with shipping companies and clients from across the world and has steadily broadened its client-base resulting in more diversified clientele and greater volumes. The six vessels to come through the port this past month were all shipping a different commodity from Metcoke and Alkylate to lead concentrates and wood pellets, just to name a few.

Because of the port's strategic location, it is connected to more than 25 countries making it a global shipping point. Thus, the various commodities handled in February were being shipped to and from different countries across the globe. The "Federal Cedar" unloaded lead concentrate from Callao, Peru, the "Bernhard Oldendorff" unloaded coal from Puerto Bolivar, Colombia and the "Mandarin" loaded wood pellets that are currently on their way to the U.K.

"The BPA wants to ensure continued growth of volume and traffic that will attract new business ventures, which will provide a measure of prosperity and employment to Northern New Brunswick," said Caron. "We will continue our efforts to create new opportunities and encourage new development to sustain our success and enhance our capabilities."

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