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Hallett Dock Terminal Posts Robust Increase in Seaway Shipments in 2006

Hallett Dock Company at the Twin Ports of Duluth-Superior posted a 54 percent increase in international tonnage shipped through the Seaway in 2006, earning it the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation's (SLSDC) Robert J. Lewis Pacesetter award today.

More than 196,000 metric tons in cargo transited the Seaway locks, greatly improving upon the previous year's tonnage. The increase in tonnage also included more ocean-going vessels arriving at the port to load cargo. Some 14 ships transited from the terminal last year through the Atlantic trade gateway, four more than in 2005.

Bentonite clay and chrome ore made up all export tonnage shipped through the Seaway, with the former taking up more than three-quarters of the shipments. The clay is an essential ingredient in steelmaking, drilling applications and environmental projects. The ore headed to a Swedish metals company.

"The daily excellence that Hallett Dock employees and management display in moving commodities safely, efficiently and reliably has been noticed by shippers near and far who increasingly trust their business with them," said Collister Johnson Jr., SLSDC Administrator.

J. M. ("Mike") McCoshen, Hallett General Manager, echoed that sentiment, praising his terminal employees and management.

"Every single individual at Hallett contributed to our receiving this award," said McCoshen. "This is our fourth Pacesetter Award and we are eager to show our customers that Duluth-Superior is the right place to conduct their business."

Recognized throughout the Great Lakes Seaway System as a yardstick of freight performance, the Pacesetter is awarded annually by the SLSDC to U.S. Great Lakes ports and terminals posting increases in international tonnage shipped through the binational U.S.-Canadian waterway.

For the 2006 season seven other ports and four terminals won the award.

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