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### **Successful Christmas Baskets Operation for Desgagnés**

**Quebec City, December 28 2016** — It is with pride and enthusiasm that Desgagnés employees at its Quebec City office organized the « Operation Christmas Baskets » on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This year, 24 families benefitted from the Christmas baskets offered by Desgagnés. These baskets are large non-perishable food bins and other home products which help soften the holiday season and the weeks that follow for families in dear need. “Not everyone has the chance to eat adequately or to their appetite in this festive period. Therefore, it became important for us to do this small gesture”, explains Mr. Louis-Marie Beaulieu, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Desgagnés.

For several years, Desgagnés has been working with an organization in the central district of Quebec City to help families in need. In 2016, Desgagnés associated itself with *Patro Laval*. Through an extensive leisure activities program, *Patro Laval's* mission is to offer a living environment promoting the whole development of the people who benefit from it. This environment is centered on welcoming, members taking charge, leadership training and social problems prevention, mutual aid, family spirit and education of human.

#### **About Desgagnés**

Desgagnés, whose headquarters are in Quebec City, is a conglomerate that has specialized since the 19th century in marine transportation of liquid bulk, general cargo, dry bulk and passengers. Its activities also extend to ship repair as well as the rental and operation of heavy machinery. The company owns and operates a fleet of ships that navigate on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, the Canadian Arctic, the East coasts of Canada and the United States and all the seas of the world. With an annual turnover nearing 230 million dollars, Desgagnés creates approximately 1,000 jobs in high season with a payroll exceeding 50 million dollars.

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