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**Desgagnés positions itself as a leader in the well-being
of its employees by investing in its onboard communications**

Quebec City, June 17th, 2016. — It's with enthusiasm that Desgagnés announces a major annual investment to improve the performance of Internet communications onboard its vessels. Having at heart the well-being of its crews and employees who often work onboard ships or in remote areas for long periods of time, Desgagnés wishes to provide a better performance and reliability of its Internet communications at sea, where access is difficult as it is the case in the Canadian Arctic.

By this major annual investment, Desgagnés will provide a more efficient cellular and satellite network. By improving the performance of these networks, Desgagnés thereby ensures a better stability in its communications and therefore, a greater reliability and consistency in its operations. Of course, Desgagnés continues its ongoing efforts to improve the means of communication by reducing the gap between the technological realities that exist between land and sea.

Mr. Louis-Marie Beaulieu, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Groupe Desgagnés, declared that "this investment is set out to meet the growing needs of the crews for whom Internet is becoming the preferred means to stay informed and maintain contact with their relatives. It is for these reasons that this year and in the future, we chose to massively invest to provide a quality living environment for our crews, which nowadays passes by a more efficient Internet service even in technologically hostile regions of operation."

Also, Desgagnés is proud to continue offering free Internet service to its employee's onboard ships who will, during their free time, communicate with their family and friends at home, through a more efficient cellular and satellite network. By optimizing the Internet performance and accessibility, Desgagnés stands out in matters of quality of life for its employees at sea, in a perspective of an improved free Internet service and moreover, in areas where accessibility is reduced.



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Groupe Desgagnés Inc., 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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