Squamish Terminals Opens Newly Constructed East Dock

New dock completed on-time and on budget
Designed to support efficient and safe operations

Squamish, B.C., September 15, 2016 – Squamish Terminals has begun operations at its newly constructed East Dock, which had to be rebuilt after a fire destroyed the original structure in April 2015.

“While the fire was devastating and affected our operations, it did provide an opportunity to build a more modern structure,” says Kim Stegeman-Lowe, President, Squamish Terminals. “Our new dock is designed to support an efficient and safe operation, which will benefit our employees, customers and community.”

The new dock is constructed entirely of steel and concrete. About 120 high-capacity, heavy steel pipe piles were used to support all the structures, and the deck was designed for modern terminal cargo handling equipment. The main deck is about 135 meters long and 33 meters wide. Ground densification was also undertaken to bring the structure up to current seismic requirements, strengthening its reliability in the event of an earthquake.

“Thank you to our marine contractor Fraser River Pile & Dredge, and our marine engineer and project manager Advisian - WorleyParsons Group for ensuring this complex dock rebuild was on-time and on budget. We also wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the support and patience of our employees, customers, partners, and community during the one dock operation and 10-month construction period,” says Stegeman-Lowe.

“The rebuild of the dock was a very important project for Squamish Terminals and the many customers we serve,” says Tom Rasmussen, CEO, Grieg Star Shipping, which owns Squamish Terminals. “Squamish Terminals is a major economic contributor to the area and a key part of the supply chain for many stakeholders, so it was important for us to get it back up to full operations.”

About Squamish Terminals
Squamish Terminals was established in 1972 and is one of Western Canada’s leading break-bulk terminals. Located at the north end of Howe Sound – just 32 nautical miles north of the Port of Vancouver. With an intermodal transportation infrastructure (including access to rail, ocean and highway), 2 berths, 3 warehouses, large laydown yard, specialized handling equipment and an experienced team, Squamish Terminals efficiently handles cargo bound for North America and around the world. At Squamish Terminals we value and support our people, our environment and our community. Squamish Terminals is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gríeg Star Shipping AS (based in Bergen, Norway).

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