



Administration de pilotage des Laurentides
Laurentian Pilotage Authority

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**Laurentian Pilotage Authority to equip CPSLC pilots
with the latest PPU and ROT technology**

Montreal, April 12, 2017 – The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) announces the signing of a contract with NavSim Technology for the acquisition of portable pilot units (PPUs) for the Corporation des pilotes du Saint-Laurent Central Inc. (CPSLC). These units equipped with the latest rate of turn (ROT) technology will enable pilots to track the movement of the ship on the St. Lawrence River, in real time.

The selection of NavSim technology was undertaken in partnership with CPSLC following an evaluation of available products on the market in terms of technological innovation, costs, and the need for integrated ROT capabilities. The technology developed by NavSim will help the LPA remain at the forefront in providing safe and efficient pilotage services.

“Our leadership role in administering and providing pilotage services includes promoting the development and adoption of innovative navigation technologies that bolster the safety, efficiency, and commercial competitiveness of shipping traffic on the St. Lawrence River,” said the LPA’s Chief Executive Officer, Fulvio Fracassi. “We are very proud of maintaining an accident-free rate exceeding 99% year after year. The acquisition, in collaboration with CPSLC, of next-generation PPUs with integrated ROT technology will help keep the St. Lawrence River one of the world’s safest and most efficient commercial waterways.”

About the Laurentian Pilotage Authority

The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is a financially self-sufficient federal Crown corporation responsible for administering and providing marine pilotage services on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers. The LPA’s mission is to ensure navigation safety by providing efficient marine pilotage services at a reasonable cost in cooperation with pilots, their corporations, and the shipping industry.

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