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### **PORTABLE SMART CARD SYSTEM**

Pilotes du Saint-Laurent Central inc. (the "Corporation") and the Laurentian Pilotage Authority (the "Authority") are proud to announce the Corporation's successful integration of a new smart card system used by maritime pilots during their missions on the St. Lawrence, between Montréal and Québec. It is the result of a fruitful partnership between the Corporation and the Authority, which translates into a four-year agreement enabling the Corporation, with the Authority's considerable financial support, to acquire next-generation portable units.

This new system paves the way for the increased use of the latest technologies in the maritime sector. These smart cards will help maintain navigational security on the St. Lawrence, while ensuring the delivery of efficient, quality pilotage services.

Since 2007, all maritime pilots operating between Québec and Montréal have used a standardized portable smart card system during their missions. The integration of such a system has improved wintertime traffic flow between Québec and Montréal by over 48%, without compromising navigational security.

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