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The Laurentian Pilotage Authority Welcomes the Launch of the *Pilotage Act* Review

Montreal, May 31, 2017 – The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) welcomes the announcement made earlier this morning by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, launching the *Pilotage Act* review. The LPA applauds the selection of Mr. Marc Grégoire, former Commissioner of the Canadian Cost Gard, as the expert Chairperson to lead the *Pilotage Act* review.

"The LPA offers its full cooperation in the review of the *Pilotage Act*" said Mr. Fulvio Fracassi, Chief Executive Officer at the LPA. "We welcome the transparent and consultative review process to modernize the *Pilotage Act*. This is in line with our mission to provide safe, efficient and environmentally responsible pilotage services in a transparent and accountable framework."

The LPA believes the areas identified for review including, Governance, Service Delivery, Tariff Setting Process and Dispute Resolution, will assist in developing recommendations to improve and modernize the *Pilotage the Act*.

The LPA conducted more than 22,000 pilotage assignments in 2016 of which 99.93% were performed without incident. Furthermore, 99.98% of the piloting missions were provided without delay due to pilots. These excellent results were announced at the annual public meeting held on May 24 in Montreal.

About the Laurentian Pilotage Authority

The 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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