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2017 First Ship of the Year Award

Belledune NB – The Belledune Port Authority (BPA) officially greeting Captain Sergiy Dolmatov, Master of the *Tundra*, the first ship to lay anchor at the Port of Belledune in 2017.

The *Tundra* is registered in Limassol, Cyprus and her last port of call before arriving in Belledune was Fortalexa, Brazil. The vessel's agent is Calypso Marine Agency (CMA), represented by Robert Lagace. The *Tundra* docked at the Port of Belledune on January 5, 2017, where the vessel is currently loading approximately 22,000 MT of wood pellets. The next stop for the vessel will be Hull, UK.

The Director of Marketing & Business Development at the BPA, Jenna MacDonald, presented Captain Dolmatov with a commemorative gift at the Belledune Port Authority's Administrative offices.

"Wood pellets fall within our forestry sector which is a very important sector to the Port as it contributes to the development of the operation," said Denis Caron, President & CEO at the BPA. "The forestry sector is one of our five key sectors. The other four sectors include energy, agriculture, mining & minerals, and the modular sector."

In 2016 the Port received a total of nine vessels that served the forestry sector. Within that same year, the Port handled 226,304 MT of forestry cargo.

The *Tundra* is the first vessel of many which are expected to lay anchor at the Port of Belledune this year. Last year, the port played host to 97 vessels, which is 26 more than what they received in 2015. The Port also handled approximately 2,027,431 MT of bulk cargo, which is up 14 % from the previous year.

"Here at the Port of Belledune we are focused and we are seeing results," said Caron. "We will continue our efforts to enhance our capabilities, create new opportunities and encourage new development at the Port and in Northern New Brunswick."

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