



## Thunder Bay Port Authority and CN create competitive gateway for large equipment loads headed to Western Canada's oil sands



The Port of Thunder Bay celebrates the arrival of the Jumbo Vessel M/V “Daniella”, completing its journey of 12,249 nautical miles from the port of Higashi Harima, Japan via the Panama Canal. The vessel discharged a massive reactor destined for Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.’s oil sands project site in Fort McMurray. The reactor measures 35 meters (113 feet) long, 4.191 meters (13’9”) wide, 4.73 meters (15’6”) tall, and has a gross loaded on rail weight of more than 1.3 million pounds.



The Port of Thunder Bay in conjunction with CN, provide a new highly competitive routing option for oil sands project cargo. CN rail has undertaken a major initiative to open up the Thunder Bay rail route to the ever increasing flow of project cargos destined to western Canada, specifically Ft. McMurray in the upcoming years. This has included the acquisition by CN rail of the short line railroad from Boyle, Alberta to Fort McMurray, the widening of rock cuts, and mile by mile re-measuring and inspection of rail lines to push the maximum envelope for project cargos. This route now permits large, heavy equipment and components to reach the heart of oil sands project development uninterrupted over 1,500 miles of CN rail network.

Tim Heney, chief executive officer of the Thunder Bay Port Authority, said: “We are delighted to work with CN to provide this new Canadian gateway to western Canada’s oil sands. The Port of Thunder Bay has a long history

serving the needs of western Canada and we are dedicated to the integration of the marine and rail needs of transportation. We look forward to the new opportunities that this gateway will provide for the port and the community.”

This accomplishment has been achieved through team work between the Port of Thunder Bay, CN Rail, project freight forwarders Rohde & Liesenfeld Canada Incorporated and the willingness of CNRL’s senior management to choose Thunder Bay as the preferred entry point to Canada.

