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## 2021 - Cargo volume record shattered at the Port of Valleyfield

SALABERRY-DE-VALLEYFIELD, January 19, 2022 – The Port of Valleyfield reached a new record volume of goods handled in 2021. A total of nearly 900 000 metric tons transited through the port, an increase of 13% over 2020 and 4% over the previous record of 2019.

While dry bulk traffic decline by 34%, liquid bulk increased by 26% and general cargo recorded a spectacular increase of 75% over the previous year. A total of 118 vessels docked at the port

This exceptional year came as the contract with a long-standing client was not renewed at the end of 2020, ushering in a new era. In doing so, the port has been able to increase volumes with many of its existing clients, attract new traffic and make room for future expansion.

"This was a pivotal year at the Port of Valleyfield, we can only be happy to see these extraordinary results and we must thank all our employees and partners for their efforts, allowing us to achieve such significant progress in 2021. Despite a second year in a pandemic, combined with the scarcity of labour, the port was able to hold its own and sustain its contribution to regional economic growth," said the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Roland Czech.

## About the Port of Valleyfield | portvalleyfield.com

Founded in 1968, the Port of Valleyfield is mandated to oversee the management, promotion, and development of the port activities. The corporation is governed by an independent board of directors made up of three representatives of the business community and two elected municipal officials. Annually, some 130 vessels coming from or destined for international and national commercial markets call Valleyfield: in addition to Canada and the United States, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain, the Netherlands, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Russia, France, Italy, Sweden and Turkey. Here are the main products handled in the port: sulfuric acid, steel, asphalt, bauxite, big bags, general cargo, industrial and road salt.

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