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## Seaspan Shipyards Ranked As A Top 10 Defence Company in Canada

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Seaspan Marine Corporation is pleased to announce that it has been ranked 8<sup>th</sup> among the top 50 defence companies in Canada for 2011 by Canadian Defence Review (CDR) magazine.

Each year, CDR commissions an expansive search to determine the top defence companies in Canada. An evaluation panel consisting of CDR editorial staff and independent advisors rank the companies based on factors such as economic impact, innovation, contribution to the nation's security and support of Canada's military. Other top 10 ranked companies this year include L-3 Communications, General Dynamics Canada, Raytheon Canada Limited, and The Boeing Company.

"We are very pleased to be selected within the top 10 by CDR this year," said **Jonathan Whitworth**, Seaspan CEO. "Not only is this a significant achievement, but it also represents one of the largest positive moves in this year's ranking. Seaspan's ranking improved from 23<sup>rd</sup> position in 2010 to 8<sup>th</sup> in 2011. This result signals to British Columbia and the rest of Canada the economic impact and the growing importance of Seaspan's service to the defence industry."

Seaspan Shipyards have a long history working with the Canadian Government and have established an excellent partnership with our Navy and Coast Guard. In the last five years, Seaspan's shipyards have successfully completed many projects including Phase 1 of the Navy frigate upgrade program and the submarine modernization program. In addition, Seaspan's shipyards have also built 29 Coast Guard vessels and 8 Navy training vessels.

Jonathan also added that he was especially pleased to see that Seaspan's skilled employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication in successfully delivering projects for the Government of Canada over the last few years.

"This is outstanding news and the timing couldn't be better," said Jonathan. "We hope this ranking will serve to strengthen our reputation as a top quality, professional contractor to the Canadian Navy. We are proud of our strong record in providing world-class shipbuilding and repair services to our customer, the Government of Canada, and hope to continue that strategic partnership well into the future."

There were a record number of entries in the CDR Top 50 Defence companies this year. Now in its seventh year, it continues to be a huge success in highlighting the defence industry in Canada. For a complete listing of the Top 50 Defence companies in Canada go to [http://www.canadiandefencereview.com/new\\_item\\_en\\_en\\_298cms.htm](http://www.canadiandefencereview.com/new_item_en_en_298cms.htm)

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