

NEWS RELEASE

MV Thorseggen Sails To Milestone

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On Friday, May 20, the *MV Thorseggen*, a 16,239 deadweight ton newsprint carrier, celebrated its 500th round trip voyage, between British Columbia and Southern California, since Norsk Pacific Steamship Canada Limited had the vessel built and commenced the exclusive service for NorskeCanada.

This milestone was marked with celebrations in Crofton, Campbell River and Long Beach, California.

At Crofton, **Kevin Carter**, NorskeCanada's Manager, Distribution and Fibre, presented **Captain Dave Beel** with a commemorative plaque and in Campbell River, **Tom Senay**, NorskeCanada's Manager, Distribution, offered a signed print of the mill scene by Vancouver Island artist Bill Maxwell.

In California, Norsk Pacific hosted a customer luncheon and evening barbeque on board the *MV Thorseggen*. Captain Dave Beel was presented with commemorative plaques from **Donald Snyder**, Director, Trade and Maritime Services, Port of Long Beach and **John Hering**, Vice President, Sales, Marine Terminals Corporation.

Built in 1983 by Swan Hunter Shipyards in Newcastle, England specifically for NorskeCanada's service to Long Beach, the *MV Thorseggen* remains one of the most sophisticated newsprint carriers. During its lifetime, the vessel has carried over five million tonnes of newsprint, as well as deck cargoes of lumber and traveled over 1,250,000 nautical miles in this service.

Measuring 165.65 metres (543.5 feet) in overall length, with a midsection breadth of 25 metres (82 feet), the 14,578 grt vessel is outfitted with two rolling gantry cranes of 30 ton lifting capacity each, suitable for lifting 18 rolls of newsprint simultaneously by vacuum clamp.

"The success of the *MV Thorseggen* is the result of a true collaborative effort fostered through years of cooperation between the dedicated employees of NorskeCanada, Norsk Pacific, and stevedores, P & O Ports and Marine Terminals Corporation," said **Tom Brophy**, Norsk Pacific's Director, Canadian Shipping. "With continued partnership, the *MV Thorseggen* can look forward to many more voyages in the California trade."

"We certainly value the service provided by the *MV Thorseggen* in transporting newsprint into the Southern California market," said **Brian Baarda**, NorskeCanada's Vice President, Supply Chain. "It is an integral link in the marketing of our BC produced pulp and paper products. We look forward to working with the vessel and its management in the years to come."

Norsk Pacific Steamship Canada Limited is a member of the Washington Marine Group of Companies (WMG). For further information visit www.norskpacific.com.