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### INSTALLATION

## Big cranes coming to Halifax port

Super-post-Panamax cranes capable of 30 to 35 lifts an hour

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Shipping goods to Eastern Canada and the U.S. Midwest will become a lot easier with the addition of two new super-post-Panamax cranes at Halifax.

Ashley Dinning, president of Halterm Limited, said the two ship unloading systems will be in place by the third quarter of 2013. Valued at around \$20 million, they're among the largest in North America.

The location of the 75-acre South End Container Terminal that Halterm operates is important. It's on the ocean side of the two bridges connecting Halifax to Dartmouth across the harbour.

"The service we provide at Halterm is to provide unlimited access to any size container ship in the world without any restrictions at all. There are not many ports in North America that can say that," Dinning said.

Halterm already has two super-post-Panamax cranes along with four Panamax cranes at its Halifax termi-



The MOL Paramount container vessel, which has a 6,350 TEU capacity, unloads at the Port of Halifax. Photo courtesy of the Port of Halifax

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### EMPLOYMENT

## Ring of Fire minerals spurs Northern Ontario development

First Nations training for heavy equipment jobs in the region

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With Ontario's far north on the verge of becoming a key economic driver, First Nations people from the area want in on the action.

Of special interest is a mineral rich, 5,000-square kilometer region in the James Bay lowlands known as the Ring of Fire. Aboriginals from the remote area are receiving heavy equipment and crane training through the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario.

Harold McBride, the institute's executive-director, said jobs related to mine development are just part of the picture. Roads, bridges, transmission lines and other infrastructure will need to be built and maintained as the region opens up.

"We've been having a lot of success working with aboriginals from within Ontario and also from outside Ontario – mainly Nunavut," McBride said. "For the past six years we've been bringing them to our training facilities at Morrisburg and Oakville."

The institute has been working closely with the Aboriginal Apprenticeship Board of Ontario, McBride said.

Roughly 600 aboriginals have received training in the past six years. The success rate is more than 90 per cent.

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### SAFETY

## Canadian council formed to harmonize standards

Fraser Cocks, executive director of the B.C. Association for Crane Safety, has been named the acting chairman of the Canadian Hoisting and Rigging Safety Council

The man who spearheaded B.C.'s recent accreditation drive for crane operators has been pressed into service to lead a national council devoted to harmonizing hoisting and rigging standards across the country.

Fraser Cocks, executive director of the B.C. Association for Crane Safety, has been named the acting chairman of the Canadian Hoisting and Rigging Safety Council, which make its debut at a second annual Crane and Rigging Conference this September in Edmonton.

The seeds of the council were planted during an industry panel discussion at the inaugural conference in Edmonton last October. Maximum Capacity Media, which publishes *Crane Hotline* and other heavy-lift magazines, is the conference organizer. *Crane & Hoist Canada* is also on board as a media sponsor.

This year's conference takes place at Edmonton's Sutton Place Hotel, Sept. 13-14.

Cocks, who was a presenter at last year's conference at Edmonton's Fantasyland Hotel, was a natural choice to lead the new organization, said Judy Mellott, CEO of All Canadian Training Institute Inc., which is based in Edmonton.

"One of the problems that we've got is we can't work inter-provincially," said Mellott, noting that Cocks has already begun working with authorities in Alberta.

Cocks confirmed that he has met with Dan Kennedy, Alberta's assistant deputy minister for workplace standards, who was also part of last year's panel discussion. "Essentially the message we got was nothing is going to change in Alberta unless Alberta comes together as an

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Fraser Cocks speaks at the 2011 Crane and Rigging Canada Conference in Edmonton.

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industry," Cocks said.

Since then he has been working with getting to know those players in Alberta and how they might harmonize regulations with B.C. Rather than focus on the country as a whole in the beginning, Cocks said, the initial goal is to have two jurisdictions cooperate as a starting point.

"And that'll be the pattern and the template that follows going out of this, if it's even going to happen," Cocks said.

Mellott, who instigated the creation of the council when she made an impassioned plea at last year's conference, noted that the proposal received unanimous approval from the approximately 160 delegates.

"So once that was done, it was fairly easy to go back on these organizations and companies and say, 'OK. Now step up,'" Mellott said.

Also named as directors of the new council are the following:

- Lorne Kleppe, executive director of the Manufacturers Health & Safety Association of Alberta, together with the Alberta Construction Safety Association;
- Dave Earle, direct of human resources services and government relations for Construction Labour Relations of B.C.;
- Tim Bennett, vice president of Northern Crane Services Group, and chairperson for the Occupational Health and Safety Council of the Alberta government;
- Daryl Harvey, senior staff, health and safety training and implementation, Cenovus Energy Inc.; and
- Grant McMillan, president of the Council of Construction Associations.

Members of a stakeholder committee include Mellott, who also uses the surname Mellott-Green; Fred Wolsey, a systems engineer with Ontario-based Bruce Power; Gord Atkinson, national manager of safety training at Calgary-based HSE Integrated Ltd.; and Knut Buschmann, president of Uniroppe Limited, which is headquartered in Mississauga.

At the conference, Cocks will outline examples of initiatives that are already in the works. They include a feasibility study funded by the province to explore how B.C. might recognition crane operator credentials from Washington state.

"And it was based on that effort that the B.C. government suggested that we make contact with Alberta and ask them if they'd like to be a part of this project. So I threw that out there and that looks like it's going to occur," Cocks said. "We're working on that now."

Cocks said anyone who is interested can join the council by phoning him at his office, 604-336-4699, emailing [input@chrsc.com](mailto:input@chrsc.com), or by sending a message through an online form on the council's website, <http://chrsc.ca>.

## Cat rescues make headlines in B.C.

A B.C. crane company and crane truck driver received recognition in a Kimberley newspaper for rescuing a cat from a tree in June, although the rescue didn't go quite as planned.

Frank Sandor from Sandor Crane Service Ltd. in nearby Cranbrook used a bucket truck to approach Peaches after the cat had been up a tree in the community of Lower Blarhmont.

Unfortunately, the bucket's approach scared the cat, the *Kimberley Bulletin* reported.

Peaches fell 40 feet to the ground but was reunited with her owner, Sheila Pearson, a few hours later.

"I do want to give many thanks to Frank Sandor and his driver for being so kind and generous," Pearson told the paper.

It was the second time in two weeks a crane truck had been called in to rescue a cat in the East Kootenays, the paper reported. Buddy, a cat in Marysville, was rescued after climbing a pole.

## Ontario government helps crane maker with expansion

A northern Ontario custom manufacturer of crane trucks and other service vehicles has received about \$1 million from Ontario government coffers to expand its operation.

The grant from the province's Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation has enabled Gin-Cor Industries to buy new equipment and machinery and build a larger paint shop at its facility in Mattawa, according to a government news release.

The announcement doesn't reveal the amount of the grant. However, Luc Stang, president and chief executive officer of Gin-Cor, told the *North Bay Nugget* newspaper that loans and grants from the fund covered about a third of the \$3 million expansion project.

The project, which doubled the size of the existing operation, was 98 per cent complete by mid June and already in use, the paper noted.

The project will create 20 new jobs, according to the government.

Mattawa is on highway 17 about 300 kilometres northwest of Ottawa.



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