

Fraser Surrey Docks conducts breakbulk study

SURREY, B.C. – Fraser Surrey Docks has commissioned a study into its breakbulk cargo operations at Fraser River Port.

The Fraser Surrey Docks study will examine the types of commodities moving through its facilities and related market trends, broader trends in the breakbulk carrier industry and transportation, and the facilities at the Fraser Surrey Docks terminal itself, in order to ensure the facility remains globally competitive and offers the best possible service to its breakbulk clients.

“Fraser Surrey Docks has a vibrant

breakbulk shipping industry with further potential for growth,” said Mike Cornish, vice-president of marketing and customer service.

“We want to look at the overall breakbulk trends with an eye to maximizing the usage of our under-utilized terminal areas. Growth through effective and efficient management of our assets ultimately benefits our clients as well as the local, provincial and national economies.”

Tony Roper has been appointed to lead the study. Mr. Roper is well known to the waterfront industry, with more

than 30 years of experience managing a fleet of breakbulk vessels and a breakbulk terminal. The project is targeted for completion prior to year’s end.

In March, Fraser Surrey Docks announced a \$190-million upgrade to its facilities, including the acquisition of two container gantry cranes and the lease of a large Gottwald mobile harbour crane. Fraser Surrey Docks said this will help smooth the flow of containers and breakbulk cargo traffic that it handles.

The Gottwald crane arrived in June and was certified for operation July 14. The first crane of its kind in Canada, it has already handled several heavy-lift cargoes and specialized cargo movements.