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BC FERRIES NAMED ONE OF B.C.'S TOP EMPLOYERS **Award recognizes company and employees for creating an exceptional workplace**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries has recently been named one of B.C.'s Top Employers, an award that recognizes workplaces offering forward-thinking programs for their employees. The annual competition evaluates employers on several criteria including physical workplace, employee communications, performance management, training and skills development and community involvement.

As a top employer in the province, BC Ferries has a progressive workplace, focusing on career opportunities across the organization as well as extensive training and development initiatives. BC Ferries' SailSafe program, a joint initiative between BC Ferry Services Inc. and the BC Ferry & Marine Workers' Union builds on current safety practices and reflects the company's and union's commitment to safety as an essential part of business.

"I am pleased that BC Ferries is being recognized as a top employer in the province," said Mike Corrigan, BC Ferries' President and CEO. "The company, union and employees have worked hard to develop a comprehensive safety program, including a health and wellness component as well as provide extensive training and development opportunities for our skilled and diverse workforce. This award reflects the pride and enthusiasm our employees have for our company."

BC Ferries has invested in a robust education program for employees, including Simulator Training Centres for hands-on practice that meets the needs of the unique work environment. The Standardized Education and Assessment (SEA) program has received international recognition for its customized programs specific to the job, vessel, route or terminal. An in-depth operational training program as well as management and leadership courses round out BC Ferries as an organization dedicated to learning and committed to developing its employees.

With 4,500 employees across 24 ferry routes, 47 terminals and 35 vessels, BC Ferries continues to welcome new employees into the fleet, with career opportunities in deck operations and engineering, catering and retail, terminal operations and administration.

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