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### **Analysis Shows 1,000 New Jobs Created Annually**

PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA – The Prince Rupert Port Authority, together with the Prince Rupert Economic Development Corporation, commissioned a study that found that Phase I of the new Fairview Container Terminal construction and operation will create 585 person years of construction jobs, more than 100 full time terminal positions, a multitude of job increases at existing business, and the creation of new businesses. All told, the study forecasts the creation of 1,000 new jobs per year throughout the two phases of the project, until 2010.

Construction is set to begin in November 2005. Phase I of the redevelopment will result in the construction of a container facility with the capacity to handle 500,000 containers per year. Construction involves extending the wharf out by 60 feet, upgrading the wharf surface, upgrading and expanding the rail infrastructure, and installing three Super Post Panamax container cranes. Long-term prospects arise from the direct and indirect employment and business opportunities from container-related activity.

Although many activities will create expanded opportunities for existing business, such as ships agents, tug operators, freight forwarders, trucking, and refrigeration services, new businesses will also be required in the region given the differing nature of container versus bulk transportation methods. Those include container storage and repair, bonded warehousing for customs activities, and container stuffing operations. Even more new business possibilities develop outside of activity related to the actual facility itself, given the now shortened distance to Asia for exporters. Opportunities for product exports arise in the forestry, fisheries, and manufacturing sectors. Niche producers can now access cost-effective transportation for their products to Asia. Some of the products exported out of the North American West Coast now include waste paper, pulp, cotton, malting barley, and frozen food.

The Port of Prince Rupert is closer to Asia than any other port in North America by 30 hours sailing time. In fact, the Port of Prince Rupert provides the closest sea/land route between Asia and the American industrial heartland. The table below shows the distance from the indicated Asian port to Chicago through West Coast ports, with land miles converted to nautical miles for easy comparison.

	<b>Prince Rupert</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>	<b>Oakland</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>
	(nautical miles)			
Hong Kong/Chicago	7583	7841	8145	8204
Shanghai/Chicago	6926	7195	7499	7549

Prince Rupert provides the shortest North American coastal link between Asia and the US Midwest.

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