

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Marine Industry Caucus goes deep**

OTTAWA -- Members of the federal Marine Industry Caucus yesterday descended 1700 feet below surface – a depth equal to the height of the CN Tower – and three kilometers out under Lake Huron for a two hour tour of Sifto Salt Corporation's world famous salt mine in beautiful Goderich, Ontario.

Hosted by Marine Caucus Chair Mike Wallace (MP, Burlington) and Ben Lobb (MP, Huron-Bruce) and coordinated by the Chamber of Marine Commerce, MPs and industry executives witnessed firsthand the origins of much of our road and table salt. Other parliamentarians in attendance included Larry Miller (MP, Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound), Lois Brown (MP, Newmarket-Aurora) and Ed Holder (MP, London West).

Participants learned about the complex yet sophisticated process of mining and preparing the salt to be loaded onto ships for transport all over the world. Back above ground, Sifto and Port of Goderich executives led a tour of the port noting major infrastructure projects under development.

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Picture of participants at Marine Industry Caucus event at Goderich. From L-R, Rowland Howe – Sifto Corporation, Mike Wallace – MP, Burlington, Ben Lobb – MP, Huron-Bruce, Ed Holder – MP, London West, Lois Brown – MP, Newmarket-Aurora, Larry Miller – MP, Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound, Stephen Brooks, Chamber of Marine Commerce, Ray Johnston, Chamber of Marine Commerce, Al Hamilton, Sifto Corporation, Allister Paterson, Seaway Marine Transport.

**About the Marine Industry Caucus**

The Marine Industry Caucus is a collaborative effort between parliamentarians and marine industry executives, formed out of a desire for parliamentarians to learn more about the importance of marine commerce to industrial shippers and Canadians. The caucus was formed in 2007 and has since held events in Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Toronto, St. Catharines, Welland, Quebec City, Halifax and Goderich.

**About the [Chamber of Marine Commerce](#)**

The Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) is an Ottawa-based association that represents more than 160 marine industry stakeholders including major Canadian and American shippers, ports, terminals and marine service providers, as well as domestic and international shipowners. The CMC represents the interests of its members by addressing government issues affecting marine transportation. Advocacy extends to both the federal and provincial levels of government and, when appropriate, to U.S. federal and state governments and agencies. The marine industry is vital to our prosperity by enabling efficient trade within North America and around the world. As a safe, efficient and environmentally smart method of carrying freight, the increased use of marine transportation offers opportunities to alleviate highway congestion, improve utilization of waterway capacity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

