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North Shore Waterfront Industries Committed to Education in North Vancouver

North Shore Waterfront Industrial Association (NSWIA) member companies will continue their long-term commitment of sponsorship of the education program, *Waterfront Industries in Our Backyard*. NSWIA members recently approved funding for the 2002-2003 school year, which is the third year of the program, completely funded by NSWIA members. Developed by the Vancouver Maritime Museum for NSWIA, this program is designed for students in grades four to six and is offered exclusively to North Vancouver schools. The program is supported by the North Vancouver School District.

During this past school year, more 1,000 North Vancouver elementary school students participated in this one of a kind educational experience. *Waterfront Industries in Our Backyard* consists of an in-class presentation introducing North Shore waterfront, a 90-minute interpretive tour of the harbour by boat and a classroom visit by an industry representative. The program follows curriculum and looks at such areas as communities and their relationship to populations, resources, transport and technology; natural resources in Canada and the world; economic relationship between Canada and Pacific Rim countries; and relationship between environments, economies and resources.

NSWIA is an association of companies representing all major industrial waterfront infrastructures located on the North Shore of Vancouver Harbour. Deepsea terminals handle a significant portion of Canada's resource based exports. Members include two grain terminals, two pulp and paper/lumber facilities, two mineral export (coal, sulphur, minerals) terminals, three chemical producers, as well as shipyards, tug and barge operators, wood chip transfer and the main yard of BC Rail, Canada's third largest railway. NSWIA's mandate is to improve both the economic viability and community understanding of the importance of waterfront industries on the North Shore.

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NSWIA Member Companies

*Allied Shipbuilders
BC Rail
BCR Marine
Dow Chemical
Fibreco Export*

*James Richardson International
Lafarge Construction
Neptune Bulk Terminals
Nexen Chemicals
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool*

*Sterling Pulp Chemicals
Vancouver Pile Driving
Washington Marine Group
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