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Day of Mourning

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Greetings:

Each year on April 28th, we take time to remember workers those who have died, but we are working hard to make workplaces safer today.

This year, we are marking the Day of Mourning by taking on the leading cause of work-related death in Canada.

This April 28th, we are calling for a national ban on asbestos, a known killer that causes disease, suffering and death - all of it preventable.

I'm asking you to join us and bring the voices of your members to help us win this important change.

It is estimated that more than 2,000 people die every year in Canada from diseases caused by exposure to asbestos, like mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis. Since 1996, asbestos-related diseases have accounted for about a third of all compensated workplace deaths. Many, many more people die without compensation, unable to make the precise link between their disease and the source of their exposure.

Despite this, imports of items that contain asbestos, like brake pads and cement pipes, are on the rise. The lack of a formal registry of buildings known to contain asbestos also adds to the risk of needless exposure. Plans for new spending on infrastructure at all levels of government make it urgent to put a ban in place now to guarantee those projects are asbestos free.

Twenty-five years ago, the federal government proclaimed April 28 as the National Day of Mourning for workers injured or killed on the job. This year, Canada can take a giant step forward with a ban on asbestos to make all of our workplaces, homes and public spaces safer and healthier.

Please join us. Working together, we can get the federal government to finally and formally ban this killer. It will save lives and prevent so much needless suffering. It will

formally ban this killer. It will save lives and prevent so much needless suffering. It will also take a large burden off of our health care system and workers' compensation programs across the country.

It's time to make asbestos a thing of the past.

In Solidarity,
Hassan Yussuff President

Double trouble for grounded container ships

18 Mar 2016

In recent weeks two large container ships have been successfully refloated after being intentionally grounded in German and UK waters.

Elsewhere in this column reference is made to a vehicle carrier intentionally grounded in the Solent after encountering stability problems. There have now been two incidents of large container ships intentionally grounded, one close to the incident in the Solent, the second in the River Elbe in Germany.

The first incident to mention involves the 19,100teu CSCL Indian Ocean which was grounded following a "technical failure" near Lühesand on the River Elbe around 25km downriver from Hamburg. As can be expected in such a busy waterway the response was both immediate and substantive with coordination carried out by Germany's Command for Maritime Emergencies and very soon the ship's owner China Shipping appointed Kotug Offshore and Smit Salvage to refloat the ship.

Unlike the second incident reported below there was to be no quick solution for the CSCL Indian Ocean with the deeply-loaded vessel grounding close to high water ruling out a quick refloating. Kotug and Hamburg-based Bugsier Reederei have a presence in the area and tugs from each company maintained a presence throughout the ensuing preparation for a refloating attempt.

Salvors have long debated the issue of handling the latest generation of ultra-large container ships should a grounding require more than just a coordinated pull by a gathering of tugs on the next high tide and this grounding was to put their ingenuity to the test.

After attempts to refloat the vessel were unsuccessful plans were drawn up involving two main elements, removal of 6,500 tons of fuel oil and ballast water from the vessel and deployment of dredgers to remove soil from around the starboard side and the bow and stern of the vessel.

Several days after the initial grounding advantage was taken of a high spring tide and a formidable fleet of twelve tugs totalling 1,085tp assembled for a refloating attempt. The bulk were ship-handling tugs from Kotug and Bugsier but the main muscle was provided by the anchor-handling tugs Fairmount Expedition (205tp) and Union Manta (206tp), both part of Smit's parent company Boskalis. In an operation lasting several hours the 399m long, CSCL Indian Ocean was successfully refloated and towed to the Eurogate Container Terminal. No pollution or injuries were reported throughout the incident.

The second grounding involved the 13,892teu container vessel APL Vanda which just a few days after the River Elbe incident, ran aground on the Bramble Bank in what was described as a "controlled grounding" following a reported loss of power while approaching the UK port of Southampton. Eight port tugs were quickly on scene and just a few hours later were able to refloat the vessel on the rising tide.

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By Peter Barker

- See more at: <http://www.maritimejournal.com/news101/tugs,-towing-and-salvage/double-trouble-for-grounded-container-ships#sthash.rh4XTqwp.dpuf>

FIGHT FOR \$15 Minimum Wage



On April 1st, BC's minimum wage will be the lowest in Canada, and we need to send a strong message to Premier Clark - we need a \$15/hour minimum wage.

Friday, April 15th is a HUGE day for our campaign. It is Canada's first official Fight for \$15 National Day of Action, and BC is leading the way! We are joining with campaigns right across Canada in the fight for fair wages.

The rally will take place at Canada Place in Vancouver on Friday, April 15th at 5:00 pm. There will be music, performers, and speeches to help us send a message to Christy Clark and the BC Liberal Government that low pay is not okay! Join us for an after party at the Railway Club, 579 Dunsmuir St, starting at 6:30 pm.

We need you to bring your colleagues, friends, and family to this critical rally. Let's ensure our voices are heard.

RSVP here: http://www.fightfor15bc.ca/national_day_of_action or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/963104420393780/>.

If you are not in the Lower Mainland, please support the day of action on Twitter #fightfor15bc and on Facebook by sharing posts and photos. Or if you'd like to organize an event in your community, contact our office at 604-430-1421.

Together we can build an economy that works for everyone.

[Click the image below to visit the Fight For \\$15 website.](#)





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ACROSS CANADA
IN THE CALL FOR A
\$15 MINIMUM WAGE**

**NATIONAL
DAY OF ACTION**

**APRIL
15**

CANADA PLACE | 5:00 PM

5:30 SPEECHES

999 Canada Pl. Vancouver



LAST WEEK THIS MORNING WITH JOHN HORGAN



If you're not with Christy Clark then, according to the premier, you're against her.

That goes for people with disabilities calling for an end to this government's bus pass clawback. It goes for kids and parents who want to keep their local schools open. And it goes for staff who have the courage to speak out against the do-whatever-it-takes-to-win culture in the premier's office.

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News in Review - March 12 to March 18, 2016

- For drones. the sky's the limit: Bird's-eye views valuable for research. forestry and

even farming

- Varcoe: Alberta has hit a gusher of frustration in the pipeline battle
- Should America Fear China's Alternative to the TPP?
- Exports show 'signs of life'; Canadian manufacturers set record for sales, with 2.3% jump in January
- Robert Reich: America's problem isn't free trade - it's the demise of an entire economic system
- Company looks to ship crude by rail; Trains would carry raw bitumen in heated cars from Alberta to Alaska
- B.C., Yukon, N.W.T. sit on huge gas reserves
- Is Canada the most successful country in the world?: Gwyn
- Government of Canada conducts train derailment exercise to improve collaboration and response capabilities
- Port truckers bolting from union; Container Transport: Months after ratifying contract, workers hold votes to decertify at 2 trucking firms

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