

Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down 22 Percent in January

Cleveland – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 2,158,254 tons in January, a decrease of 22 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at U.S. ports were down 21 percent. Shipments from Canadian ports in the Seaway dipped 31 percent.

Iron Ore Shipments from Great Lakes and Seaway Ports to Great Lakes Destinations Includes Shipments to Quebec City for Transshipment Overseas January 2011-2016 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

U.S. Great Lakes Ports							
Port	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average 2011-2015
Duluth, Minnesota	473,334	236,121	317,682	207,120	292,818	72,818	305,415
Superior, Wisconsin	289,538	709,294	495,564	169,522	390,275	467,021	410,839
Two Harbors, Minnesota	746,675	647,515	924,672	449,732	786,692	937,401	711,057
Silver Bay, Minnesota	228,965	318,181	194,472	79,528	194,039	23,810	203,037
Presque Isle, Michigan	494,816	608,215	630,146	258,336	274,835	113,040	453,270
Escanaba, Michigan	589,046	931,146	117,310	402,555	365,372	279,016	481,086
Cleveland, Ohio	65,618	136,544	250,979	223,149	166,377	60,627	168,533
Total	2,887,992	3,587,016	2,930,825	1,789,942	2,470,408	1,953,733	2,733,237
Canadian Seaway Ports							
Port Cartier, Quebec	157,277	0	282,389	236,875	298,370	204,521	194,982
Sept Iles, Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	157,277	0	282,389	236,875	298,370	204,521	194,982
Total – U.S. and Canada	3,045,269	3,587,016	3,213,214	2,026,817	2,768,778	2,158,254	2,928,219

Lake Carriers' Association represents 15 American companies that operate 56 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 100 million tons of cargo per year. More information is available at www.lcaships.com. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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