

CASE STUDY

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BNSF Logistics Provides Logistics Solution for Gold Mine

Company Profile

A leading international engineering company that provides mill systems for use in mining projects.

Business Challenge

The customer needed a company who could deliver and set up two mill systems for a gold mine in Northern Ontario, Canada. The project included approximately 32,000 freight tons of equipment from North America and around the world for delivery to the site. Over 18,000 freight tons came from various manufacturers just in Europe. Due to the weight of the equipment and needing to move each portion individually, the project was very costly.

Solution

BNSF Logistics met with the individual manufacturers, suppliers, port operators and agents in Spain, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Germany to develop a solution. Moving each portion of the equipment individually would have been exorbitant, so BNSFL proposed to move all of the freight from outside of North America onto two vessels as consolidations to one port in Canada.

Process/Procedure

All cargoes were delivered on time to the three outgoing ports. A reliable shipping company was chosen well in advance in order to secure two vessels with regular and oversized cargo in Spain and Belgium for delivery to the Port of Valleyfield, Quebec, Canada. Both vessels made it in time for the seaway closing, and all cargo was marshalled at the pier in Valleyfield for delivery by truck or rail to the site. All cargo had to arrive at the site by the end of February due to upcoming road restrictions and closures. The project was completed on time and without any recorded damages.

Benefits Achieved

- The project was completed \$1,000,000 under budget
- Approximately 32,000 freight tons were successfully moved
- BNSF Logistics is working with the customer on a continuous delivery contract for the mine