

December 15, 2006

MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-38-2006

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT: LOCKS LANE OUTAGE AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY
TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM**

Beginning Wednesday, December 20, 2006, at 1800 hours through Friday, December 22, 2006, at 1900 hours (**approximately 2 days**), the **WEST** lane of **Gatun Locks** will be out of service; therefore, relay operations will be conducted on the **EAST** lane. Closing the West lane of Gatun Locks is necessary in order to perform upper jaws boring on Miter Gate 8 and inspection of Miter Gate 7.

In addition, beginning Thursday, December 21, 2006, at 0001 hours through Friday, December 22, 2006, at 2359 hours (**approximately 2 days**), restricted lockages will be performed in the **WEST** lane of **Pedro Miguel Locks**. These restricted lockages are necessary in order to perform critical tow track repairs on the track section of the sidewall close to Miter Gate 61.

Due to this maintenance work, and the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (MR's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2006), **Condition 2** will be in effect from 0001 hours, December 21, 2006 until 2359 hours, December 22, 2006. Applications for reserved transits under that condition will be received commencing 0900 hours December 18, 2006. As stated in the MR's Advisory to Shipping No. A-12-2006, the booking slot available through the Auction Process will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on December 31, 2006.

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