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## AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

### OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-18-2011

August 24, 2011

**TO :** All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators  
**SUBJECT:** PANAMA CANAL LOCKS MAINTENANCE AND THE TRANSIT  
RESERVATION SYSTEM

Beginning Saturday, August 27, 2011, at 2100 hours through Saturday, September 03, 2011, at 0500 hours, the **west lane** at Gatun Locks will be out of service for maintenance and repairs on the sill and maintenance work on rising stem valves # 242-243.

In addition, beginning Monday, August 29, 2011, at 0001 hours through Friday, September 02, 2011, at 0001 hours, the **west lane** at Pedro Miguel Locks will be closed for necessary dredging work in the area of the southwest approach wall of Pedro Miguel Locks.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System, (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2011), **Condition 2** will be in effect from Sunday, August 28, 2011, through Friday, September 2, 2011.

Applications for reserved transits while **Condition 2** is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours on Thursday, August 25, 2011. The booking slot available through the Auction Process will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on September 30, 2011.

### ORIGINAL SIGNED

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