

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS**

OP'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-09-2013

April 19, 2013

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

Beginning Sunday, May 5, 2013, at 0001 hours through Saturday, May 11, 2013, at 2400 hours, dredging operations will be conducted at the sea entrance on the West side of Miraflores Locks between the centerwall and the west prism line. Due to this, the **WEST lane** at Miraflores Locks will be closed for shipping during this period. This dredging work is necessary for the removal of debris, sediment, and other material in this area. The east side of the channel at the sea entrance of Miraflores Locks will also require dredging operations which are tentatively scheduled for the first week in June.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2013), **Condition 2** will be in effect from Sunday, May 5, 2013, through Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Applications for reserved transits while **Condition 2** is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours on Thursday, May 2, 2013. In addition, *Just-In-Time* slots available for supers will be reduced during this period to one slot per direction. The JIT slots available for regular vessels transiting without restrictions, as well as the booking slot available through the Auction Process, and the slots available for regular vessels less than 300 feet in LOA, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on May 31, 2013.

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