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**TO** : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Canal Operations Summary –JANUARY 2015

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force.....	<u>285</u>
b. Pilots in Training .....	<u>0</u>
c. Tugs .....	<u>47</u>
d. Locomotives .....	<u>100</u>

2. Traffic Statistics:

	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Arrivals	<u>33.81</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>25</u>
Oceangoing Transits	<u>33.58</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>27</u>
Canal Waters Time (hours)	<u>27.71</u>	<u>39.25</u>	<u>18.26</u>
In-Transit Time (hours)	<u>12.58</u>	<u>14.40</u>	<u>10.62</u>
 Oceangoing Transits:	 <u>Total</u>	 <u>Daily Average</u>	 <u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	<u>321</u>	<u>10.35</u>	<u>30.84</u>
Vessels 91' beam and over	<u>720</u>	<u>23.23</u>	<u>69.16</u>
Total:	<u>1041</u>	<u>33.58</u>	<u>100</u>
 Vessels 100' beam and over	 <u>628</u>	 <u>20.26</u>	 <u>60.33</u>
Vessels 900' length and over	<u>122</u>	<u>3.94</u>	<u>11.72</u>
 Booking Slots:	 <u>Available</u>	 <u>Used</u>	 <u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	<u>527*</u>	<u>417*<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>79.13</u>
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	<u>248*</u>	<u>181*<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>72.98</u>
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Auctioned booking slots	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7.69</u>

\*Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

<sup>1</sup> Includes booked transits only

3. The following page provides the scheduled locks maintenance work and other items of interest to the shipping community.

4. This advisory will be canceled for record purposes on February 28, 2015.

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OP, February 4, 2015

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<b>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES</b>						
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Days/Hrs</b>	<b>Miraflores</b>	<b>Pedro Miguel</b>	<b>Gatun</b>	<b>Estimated Capacity</b>	<b>Status</b>
Ago 24- 4 Sept, 2015	12 days		West Lane		24-26	Tentative

<sup>1</sup>The normal transit capacity of the Panama Canal is 38-40 vessels per day, depending on vessel mix and other factors. This capacity is reduced during locks maintenance work, as indicated in the above table. Consequently, vessels may experience delays in transiting. Normally, during these periods, the Panama Canal Transit Reservation System slots are fully utilized. Whenever a set of locks requires a major outage of one of its two lanes for dry chamber inspection, miter gate repairs, tow track work or other major maintenance/improvement projects, advantage may be taken of this requirement to perform simultaneous single lane outages for additional maintenance at other locks.

### **Panama Canal Expansion Update: First Gate Installed in Pacific New Locks**

Carried to its final destination on self-propelled motorized wheel transporters (SPMTs) with more than 400 wheels each, the first gate for the new locks in the Pacific side was installed on January, marking another important milestone for the Panama Canal Expansion Program. Overall, the Canal expansion is currently 85 percent complete.

This gate, located in what is known as *lock head one*, is the first of eight gates that will be installed in the new locks in the Pacific side of the waterway. The steel rolling gate is eight (8) meters wide, 57.6 meters long and 22.28 meters in height, weighing 2,300 tons.

“Today’s installation marks an important step towards the completion of the Expansion Program,” said Panama Canal Administrator/CEO Jorge L. Quijano. “This project will have an important impact on world maritime trade and will further position Panama as the logistic hub for the Americas.”

The installation of the gates for the new locks began in December 2014 in the Atlantic side, where two gates have already been installed.

Upon completion, the two new lock complexes will have a total of 16 gates, eight in the Pacific and eight in the Atlantic.