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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Update on Gatun Lake Level and Draft Restriction Projections due to "El Niño" Phenomenon

As a follow-up to Advisory to Shipping A-5-2016, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) would like to report that as of 0700 hours LT, March 1, 2016, the level of Gatun Lake was 24.77 m (81.25 feet) PLD. Our most recent forecast indicates that the descending trend of the level of Gatun Lake will continue through March and April 2016. Based on these adverse meteorological conditions, it is projected that draft restrictions will most likely be imposed during the second half of April 2016.

If draft restrictions become necessary, the ACP will issue an Advisory to Shipping indicating the maximum allowable draft (TFW) and effective date of implementation. This Advisory will be published at least four to five weeks prior to the implementation date, in order to provide vessels being loaded with sufficient time to comply with this new restriction.

This information is provided for planning purposes only, as any draft restrictions will be implemented based on forecast updates and the actual level of Gatun Lake.

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