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

**SUBJECT:** New Set of Electronic Nautical Charts (ENCs) of the Panama Canal

As a new member of the International Centre for ENCs (IC-ENC), the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announces that a new set of five (5) Electronic Nautical Charts (ENCs) Band 5, covering the entire Panama Canal operational areas, were released to IC-ENC network of Value Added Resellers (VARs) for distribution on June 9, 2016, and should be available to the international maritime community Friday, June 17, 2016.

The IC-ENC validation and technical teams supported the production of these five (5) new Electronic Nautical Charts, through detailed validation and quality assurance. These five (5) ENCs also link with ENCs produced by NGA under the authority of the Panama Maritime Authority covering other Panamanian waters. There are currently three (3) Band 5 ENCs produced by NGA covering the Panama Canal, but will be withdrawn shortly. Two of these NGA Band 5 ENCs (US509860 & US515390) will be cancelled this week and the coverage of the remaining NGA Band 5 ENC (US51540) will be reduced to the area outside of the new ACP Band 5 ENC (PA5CP005).

These new charts are available to shipping companies through any of the eight (8) VARs chart distributors of IC-ENC, and subscription to these charts may be requested in the same manner as is done with ENCs of other regions visited by your vessels. Attached are the Web Site addresses of the eight (8) IC-ENC VARs:

| IC-ENC VAR        | Web Site address  |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Admiralty</b>  | <a href="http://www.admiralty.co.uk/Pages/Home.aspx">http://www.admiralty.co.uk/Pages/Home.aspx</a>                             |
| <b>Jeppesen</b>   | <a href="http://commercialmarine.c-map.com/">http://commercialmarine.c-map.com/</a>   |
| <b>Chartco</b>    | <a href="http://www.chartco.com/">http://www.chartco.com/</a>   |
| <b>PRIMAR</b>     | <a href="http://www.primar.org/">http://www.primar.org/</a>   |
| <b>ChartWorld</b> | <a href="http://www.chartworld.com/web/">http://www.chartworld.com/web/</a>   |
| <b>Maris</b>      | <a href="http://www.navico-commercial.com/en-US/Digital-Services/">http://www.navico-commercial.com/en-US/Digital-Services/</a> |
| <b>Datema</b>     | <a href="https://www.datema.nl/">https://www.datema.nl/</a>   |
| <b>Navtor</b>     | <a href="http://www.navtor.com/">http://www.navtor.com/</a>   |

IC-ENC is a regional ENC coordinating center that assists sovereign national hydrographic offices in harmonizing the production and distribution of high quality ENCs.

Following are cell names and codes of the new five (5) ENCs Band 5:

- PA5CP001** – Panama Canal – Atlantic Entrance
- PA5CP002** – Panama Canal - North Gatun Lake
- PA5CP003** – Panama Canal - South Gatun Lake
- PA5CP004** – Panama Canal - Gaillard Cut
- PA5CP005** – Panama Canal - Pacific Entrance

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