July 30, 2004

MR’S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-39-2004

TO : ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS

SUBJECT: LOCKS LANE OUTAGES AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM

PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS:

Wednesday, August 4, 2004, from 0001 hours through Thursday, August 12, 2004, at 2359 hours (9 days), the WEST lane will be out of service. Vessels will be permitted to tie up at the northwest centerwall.

The WEST lane will be closed in order to perform dry chamber work for the rehabilitation of Miter Gates 60, 61, 72, & 73, miscellaneous maintenance on Rising Stem Valves, Miter Gates 56, 57, 68, & 69, cathodic protection system, inspection and cleaning of conductor slot, and other miscellaneous work.

GATUN LOCKS:

Wednesday, August 4, 2004, from 0001 hours through Thursday, August 12, 2004, at 2359 hours (9 days), the WEST lane will be out of service. Relay operations will be conducted on the East lane.

The WEST lane will be closed in order to perform rehabilitation work on 520 feet of tow track on the incline at Miter Gate 15 and an area over intermediate Miter Gates 19 & 20, inspection and cleaning of conductor slot, and other miscellaneous work conducted.

Due to these lane outages, and based on present and projected number of vessels awaiting Canal transit, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System, (MR’s Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2004), Condition 2 will be in effect at 0001 hours, August 4, 2004. Applications for reserved transits under that condition will be received commencing 0900 hours, August 1, 2004.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on September 1, 2004.

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