July 6, 2007

MR’S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-13-2007

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

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

Beginning Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 0001 hours through Friday, July 20, 2007, at 2359 hours (10 days), restricted lockages will be performed in the EAST lane of Miraflores Locks. Relay operations will be conducted on the WEST lane. These restricted lockages are necessary in order to perform tow track repairs on the centerwall close to Miter Gates 113 and 117.

In addition, beginning Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 0001 hours through Friday, July 13, 2007, at 2359 hours (3 days), the EAST lane of Pedro Miguel Locks will be out of service. Closing the East lane of Pedro Miguel Locks is necessary in order to prepare for the dry chamber work to be performed on Miter Gates 50, 51, 62, and 63.

As a result of this work and pursuant to the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (MR’s Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2007), a reduction in the number of available booking slots will be in effect during this period, as follows:

• From 0001 hours on July 11, 2007 through 2359 hours on July 13, 2007, Condition 2 will be in effect;
• From 0001 hours on July 14, 2007 through 2359 hours on July 20, 2007, Condition 1.a will be in effect.

The number of slots per direction and restriction during Condition 1.a will be limited as follows:

• No more than eight (8) supers may be booked for transit in the southbound direction, and of these, no more than six (6) with “full daylight-hour” restriction. Similarly, no more than seven (7) supers may be booked for transit in the northbound direction, and of these, no more than five (5) with “full daylight-hour” restriction.
• The total number of “full daylight-hour” restricted supers shall not exceed eight (8) vessels per day.
• No more than four (4) regular vessels may be booked for transit in the same direction.
• Of the six slots available for regular vessels, no more than two (2) may be allocated to regular vessels transiting under restrictions.

Applications for reserved transits under these conditions will be received commencing 0900 hours July 8, 2007. The booking slot available through the Auction Process will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on July 31, 2007.

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