January 4, 2017

TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators
SUBJECT: Panama Canal Locks Lane Outage and the Transit Reservation System

Beginning at 2000 hours on Monday, January 9, 2017, until 2000 hours on Thursday, January 12, 2017 (3 days), the EAST lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service in order to perform unforeseen repairs on the northeast approach wall.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP’s Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2017), Condition 2 for the Panamax locks will be in effect from Tuesday, January 10, 2017, until Thursday, January 12, 2017.

Applications for reserved transits while Condition 2 is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours on Saturday, January 7, 2017. The Just-In-Time (JIT) transit slots available for supers will be reduced during this period to one for each direction, whereas the JIT slots for regular vessels transiting without restrictions will remain at one for each direction. The booking slot available through the auction process, as well as the slots available for regular vessels less than 300 feet in LOA, and the slots for Neopanamax vessels, will continue to be offered during this period.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on January 31, 2017.

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