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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

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**ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-08-2018**

March 29, 2018

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

**SUBJECT:** Panama Canal Locks Lane Outage and the Transit Reservation System

Beginning at 1800 hours on Monday, April 2, 2018, until 0600 hours on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 (12 hours), the **West** lane of **Gatun Locks** will be out of service in order to perform unscheduled repairs to miter gates MG-23 and MG-24.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2018), **Condition 1.a** for the Panamax locks will be in effect on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Applications for reserved transits while **Condition 1.a** is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours on Saturday, March 31, 2018. The *Just-In-Time* (JIT) transit slots available for supers will be reduced during this date 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 April 30, 2018.

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