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TO   :   All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

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

Beginning at 2000 hours on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, until 2000 hours on Friday, September 23, 2016 (3 days), the **WEST** lane of **Gatun Locks** will be out of service in order to perform scheduled dry chamber seal repair work on Miter Gates 27-28, 35-36, and 39-40, as well as repairs on the northwest approach wall. Once this repair work has been completed, the **EAST** lane of **Gatun Locks** will be out of service until 0800 hours on Saturday, September 24, 2016 (12 hours), in order to complete repairs on the northeast approach wall.

In addition, beginning at 1000 hours until 2200 hours on Thursday, September 22, 2016 (12 hours), the **WEST** lane of **Pedro Miguel Locks** will be out of service in order to perform cylindrical valve repairs on Miter Gate 68.

As a result, and in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (OP's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2016), **Condition 2** for the Panamax locks will be in effect from Wednesday, September 21, 2016, until Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Applications for reserved transits through the Panamax locks while **Condition 2** is in effect will be received beginning at 0900 hours on Sunday, September 18, 2016. 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 September 30, 2016.

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