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MARITIME AGENDA



November 29-December 1 - Savannah, GA - TOC2005 Americas -Contact: www.toc-events.com/tocamerica.

December 6 - Washington, D.C. - Annual Holiday Party - Propeller Club, Port of Washington DC - Contact: James B. Mead - 202-331-7395 - e-mail: james.mead@bkalogistics.net.

December 6-7 - Shanghai, China - PorTech Asia 2005 - Contact: www.globaleaders.com.

December 8 - Newark, NJ - Newark Club, Containerization & Intermodal Institute - 2005 Connie Luncheon - Contact: 732-817-9131 or cii@bsya.com.

2006

January 11-13 - Jacksonville, FL - AAPA Facilities Engineering Seminar - Contact: 703-684-5700 - www.aapa-ports.org.

January 30-31 - Washington, DC - MarineLog Maritime & Port Security 2006 Conference & Expo - Contact: 212-620-7200 - www.marinelog.com.

February 20-March 2 - Hong Kong - China Maritime 2006 - Contact: marinfo@baird.com.au - www.baird.com.au.

April 27 - Washington, DC - Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History - History of Containerization Foundation, Gala Celebration to Mark 50th Anniversary of Containerization - Black Tie - Contact: 866-520-HOCF or info@hocfoundation.net

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NORTH CAROLINA'S PORTS HAVE 'TREMENDOUS WINDOW' TO EXPAND OPERATIONS, INCREASE BUSINESS AT STATE PORTS, SAYS AUTHORITY CEO

In remarks given at the North Carolina World Trade Association, the CEO of the NC State Ports Authority said "robust" growth is continuing at ports in Morehead City and Wilmington, with port expansion projects ongoing to handle volumes coming in now, and in the future.

"Driving this phenomenal growth overall are burgeoning international trade, coupled with shrinking capacity at other ports," said Thomas J. Eagar, the CEO of the NC State Ports Authority.

Eagar said international trade is projected to double by 2020, with US container traffic doubling to 50 million TEUs by 2015.

"North Carolina's ports have a tremendous window of opportunity to expand operations, increase business and profitability, and create significant economic benefits to the State of North Carolina," Eagar said. "The state leadership in the Governor's office and General Assembly have recognized the importance of investment in the State's Ports this year with a \$9 million capital projects appropriation, plus a \$3.6 million repair and renovation appropriation for paving at Morehead City.

The text of Eagar's November 29 remarks follow:

As North Carolina's Ports in Morehead City and Wilmington move into the middle of fiscal 2006, the robust growth of the two previous fiscal years is continuing, and port expansion projects are under way to accommodate current and forecast volumes.

- Business at the Ports rose 20 percent in fiscal 2005, on the heels of a 24.5 percent hike the year before.
- Tonnage volumes have almost doubled in two years resulting in higher utilization of warehouse and open storage capacity.
- Wilmington set a new record for breakbulk tonnage at 1.6 million tons.
- At Morehead City, breakbulk tonnage soared 47 percent.
- Container volumes at the Port of Wilmington climbed 37 percent, at nearly 73,000 moves, and are up 29 percent over the same period last year.

Driving this phenomenal growth overall are burgeoning international trade, coupled with shrinking capacity at other ports. In Wilmington, the new 42-foot channel depth has generated additional business, including the new Zim/Lloyd Triestino weekly service to and from north China. In Morehead City, one of the world's leading forest products carriers, Gearbulk, began service last spring.

With international trade projected to double by 2020, U.S. container traffic will double to 50 million TEUs by 2015 – and will nearly triple in the mid-Atlantic port range, from Georgia to Virginia. Intermodal rail traffic, however, is increasing faster than railroads can build track and add equipment. In three to five years, 25 percent of the U.S. gateway ports will experience a corresponding shortfall in container cargo capacity, and by 2010, 12 of the 16 major gateway ports must add extensive new terminal capacity – projects that could take 3 to 6 years, if permitted land is even available.

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The bulk and breakbulk markets projected to grow 3 percent to 5 percent annually. In North Carolina, volumes are forecast to increase yet again as the reconstruction of the Gulf coast comes in to play and brings even more construction materials through our ports. Even so, import cement volumes are 114 percent greater than the same period last year, while forest products have risen 29 percent and steel is up 81 percent. Another commodity affected by the Gulf Coast hurricanes, import rubber, has made a 114 percent increase this year so far.

As other port facilities are converted from a focus on bulk and breakbulk to containers, many of these cargoes are looking for a home.

North Carolina's Ports have a tremendous window of opportunity to expand operations, increase business and profitability, and create significant economic benefits to the State of North Carolina. The State leadership in the Governor's office and General Assembly have recognized the importance of investment in the State's Ports this year with a \$9 million capital projects appropriation, plus a \$3.6 million repair and renovation appropriation for paving at Morehead City.

Wilmington has begun a \$130 million expansion program that will double throughput in the next five years to 530,000 TEUs. In October, the Authority signed a contract to purchase four new 100-foot gauge container cranes. They are now being built by ZPMC of Shanghai to be delivered first quarter 2007. Nine new reach stackers for container handling will be delivered by the end of the year.

To manage our operations to maximum capacity, Embarcadero Systems is under contract to provide a new terminal operating system to be up and running in March 2006. Work is under way to extend the 50-foot gauge crane rail to facilitate container vessel operations, and work will begin soon to install the 100-foot gauge crane rail. Our engineering design partner, Moffatt & Nichol, is planning additional infrastructure enhancements to support the container terminal expansion.

The Port of Morehead City and Radio Island are ideally situated to handle the bulk/breakbulk market growth and cargo displacement by other ports. The Authority is planning a new warehouse to accommodate a new lumber account in Morehead City, and moving forward to develop a new terminal across the Newport River on Radio Island. The design contract for the first phase of development will be finalized soon, and calls for two 1,000-foot berths, 300,000 square feet of warehouse space, 31 acres of paved open storage, and supporting infrastructure and utilities

The Authority also hopes to augment expansion plans in the near future with several land acquisitions. The time is right for North Carolina's Ports to move to the forefront of U.S. East Coast ports. These vital economic engines are in full throttle to build economic prosperity - additional jobs, income and tax revenues - for citizens across the State.

ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED BY THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the new Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing. The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is requesting approval of this collection for the period December 9, 2005 to September 30, 2006. With this one-time survey, MARAD has made a concerted effort to keep the burden on the public to an absolute minimum.

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Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 2005.

For further information contact: Gilda Lee, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street Southwest, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-3971; FAX: 202-366-3746; or E-MAIL: gilda.lee@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway Survey for the New Cargoes/New Vessels Study.
OMB Control Number: 2133-NEW.
Type of Request: Emergency approval of a one-time collection.
Affected Public: Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway shippers.
Forms: Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway System Shipper Survey (Un-numbered)

Abstract: The United States and Canada are jointly undertaking a multi-year assessment of the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway (GLSLS) System. This assessment will evaluate the ongoing maintenance and long-term capital requirements to ensure the GLSLS system is a competitive, reliable and sustainable component of North America's transportation infrastructure.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 433 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

OTI ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED BY THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

The following Ocean Transportation Intermediary activities have been announced by the Federal Maritime Commission:

Revocations:

License Number: 000128F
Name: "AA" Pacific Express, Enterprises
Address: 2145 North Tyler Avenue, Suite B, South El Monte, CA 91733.
Date Revoked: November 6, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

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License Number: 017441N
Name: Al G. Wichterich Inc. dba Worldwide Express
Address: 9327 Tranquil Park Drive, Spring, TX 77379.
Date Revoked: October 29, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 013013N
Name: Alelui Lines, Inc.
Address: 59-46 64th Street, Maspeth, NY 11378.
Date Revoked: August 13, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 002708F
Name: Aloyd Forwarding Company, Inc.
Address: 45 Rason Road, Inwood, NY 11096.
Date Revoked: October 21, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 015507N
Name: Ampac Freight Service, Inc.
Address: 3234 Arden Road, Hayward, CA 94554.
Date Revoked: October 26, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 019380N
Name: Autolog Forwarding Corp.
Address: 1701 East Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036.
Date Revoked: October 21, 20005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 017614N
Name: E-Z Express Corporation
Address: 58 N. Virginia Court, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632.
Date Revoked: September 2, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 004239F
Name: Emery Global Logistics, Inc.
Address: One Lagoon Drive, Suite 400, Redwood City, CA 94065.
Date Revoked: October 20, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 019348NF
Name: Full Package Logistics Inc.
Address: 1890 NW. 82nd Avenue, Suite 101, Miami, FL 33126.
Date Revoked: October 29, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain valid bonds.

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License Number: 017926N
Name: GQ Logistics, Inc.
Address: 11222 La Cienega Blvd., Suite 510, Inglewood, CA 90304
Date Revoked: October 9, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 002953F
Name: General Brokerage Services, Inc.
Address: 5253 NW. 36th Street, Miami Springs, FL 33166.
Date Revoked: November 16, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 017080N
Name: General Cargo & Logistics
Address: 3405 Rindge Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.
Date Revoked: November 7, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 017443N
Name: Grace Cargo, Inc.
Address: 648 Marsat Court, Suite B, Chula Vista, CA 91911
Date Revoked: October 9, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 017129N
Name: Hercules Packing Shipping & Moving Co., Inc.
Address: 23-96 48th Street, Astoria, NY 11103.
Date Revoked: November 6, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 019033F
Name: HUA Feng (USA) Logistics Inc.
Address: 11222 S. La Cienega Blvd., Suite 608, Inglewood, CA 90304.
Date Revoked: October 15, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 004268F
Name: J & S Universal Services, Inc. dba, Patrick & Rosenfeld Shipping Corp.
Address: 12972 SW. 133 Court, Suite A, Miami, FL 33186.
Date Revoked: October 30, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 000379F
Name: Joseph C. Murray & Co., Inc.
Address: 139 Fulton Street, New York, NY 10038.
Date Revoked: November 11, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

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License Number: 017848N
Name: K2 International, LLC dba All-Ways Cargo Services.
Address: 2782 Eagandale Blvd., Eagan, MN 55121.
Date Revoked: October 8, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 003444N
Name: Kosmo International, Inc.
Address: 2125 Center Avenue, Suite 207A, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.
Date Revoked: October 15, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 000128F
Name: Lusk Shipping Company, Inc.
Address: 408 Magazine Corner, New Orleans, LA 70130.
Date Revoked: November 9, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 000016F
Name: Major Forwarding Company, Inc.
Address: 159-15 Rockaway Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11434.
Date Revoked: November 6, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 003957F
Name: Marmara, Inc.
Address: 6 Self Boulevard, Carteret, NJ 07008.
Date Revoked: October 8, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 003326F
Name: Modern Cargo Services, Inc.
Address: 12870 NW 107th Court, Miami, FL 33178.
Date Revoked: November 2, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 012361N
Name: North American Van Lines, Inc.
Address: 5001 U.S. Highway 30 West, Ft. Wayne, IN 46618.
Date Revoked: November 1, 2005.
Reason: Surrendered license voluntarily.

License Number: 002474F
Name: Projects Transportation International Ltd.
Address: 10607 Southwest Hwy 1C, P.O. Box 613, Worth, IL 60432.
Date Revoked: November 8, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

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License Number: 002946F
Name: R.C.A. Shipping Corp.
Address: 23-41 33rd Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11106.
Date Revoked: November 6, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 019170N
Name: Seabound Freight, LLC
Address: 12972 133rd Court, Suite A, Miami, FL 33182.
Date Revoked: October 30, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 018110F
Name: Sirva Freight Forwarding, Inc. dba North American International.
Address: 5001 U.S. Highway 30 West, Ft. Wayne, IN 46818.
Date Revoked: November 1, 2005.
Reason: Surrendered license voluntarily.

License Number: 015932N
Name: Solomon Shipping & Trading Inc.
Address: 206 Main Street-Rear, Orange, NJ 07050.
Date Revoked: November 6, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 003643F
Name: Suren K. Demirjian dba Surdem International
Address: 136 East 56th Street, Suite 3-K, New York, NY 10022.
Date Revoked: November 6, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

License Number: 003363N and 003363F
Name: Transportation Services International, Inc.
Address: 1418 E. Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036.
Date Revoked: September 14, 2005 and October 20, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain valid bonds.

License Number: 019402N
Name: Ubique Logistics, Inc.
Address: 179-14 149th Road, Jamaica, NY 11434.
Date Revoked: November 15, 2005.
Reason: Surrendered license voluntarily.

License Number: 017952N
Name: Uniworld Cargo Shipping Lines, LLC
Address: 4000 West Side Avenue, North Bergen, NJ 07047.
Date Revoked: October 14, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

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License Number: 019009NF
Name: Vivek Shipping Company, LLC
Address: 106 Country Mill Lane, Stockbridge, GA 30281.
Date Revoked: October 6, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain valid bonds.

License Number: 016535N
Name: World Trans Logistic Inc. dba World Air Logistic Co.
Address: 841 E. Sandhill Avenue, Carson, CA 90746.
Date Revoked: November 6, 2005.
Reason: Failed to maintain a valid bond.

Non-Vessel--Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

Maxfreight International Logistics, Inc.,
708 S. Hindry Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301,
Officers: David Yasuo Miyamoto, CEO (Qualifying Individual),
Barry Chiang, Director.

Five Continent Line, L.L.C.,
2065 S. Escondido Blvd., 101, Escondido, CA 92025,
Officer: Alycia Cerini, Managing Member (Qualifying Individual).

Logical Solution Services, Inc., dba Cruz World Shipping,
317 Brick Blvd., Brick, NJ 08723,
Officer: Victor Cruz, President (Qualifying Individual).

Willy Express Shipping, Inc.,
1327 Webster Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456,
Officer: Nelson W. Rivera, President (Qualifying Individual).

Stevens Global Logistics, dba Stevens Global Freight Services,
3700 Redondo Beach Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA 90278,
Officers: Thomas Petrizzio, CEO (Qualifying Individual),
Larry Coyle, President.

Non-Vessel--Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder Transportation Intermediary Applicants

International Trade Management Group, LLC,
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Isahm Diab, Member.

Oceanexpress Shipping LLC, dba Oceanexpress,
411 North Harbor Blvd., Suite 203, San Pedro, CA 90731,
Officer: Paul D. Snell, Vice President (Qualifying Individual).

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Carijamaica Freight & Shipping, LLC,
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Officers: Devon Grant, President (Qualifying Individual),
Marcia Sayles, Vice President.

Scanwell Logistics (LAX) Inc.,
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Officers: Dennis Choy, President (Qualifying Individual)
Adam Hassan, Chairman.

Advanced Logistics Group Inc.,
20644 S. Fordyce Avenue, Carson, CA 90810-1019,
Officers: Joseph L. Vidal, CEO (Qualifying Individual),
Patricia McElroy, Director.

TSL Express, Inc.,
1041 S. Garfield Avenue, Suite 205, Alhambra, CA 91801,
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Ho Ying Chu (Yo Yo), Secretary (Qualifying Individuals),
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Ocean Freight Forwarder--Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicant

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Melvin C. Logan, Vice President.

International Shipping Company, dba ISC International Shipping Company,
6425 Tireman, Detroit, MI 48204,
Officers: Nachaat, Mazeh, President (Qualifying Individual),
Ali Kain, Vice President.

Supply Chain Shipping LLC,
4607 44th Street S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49512,
Officers: John M. Toles, Managing Partner, (Qualifying Individual),
James W. Ward, Partner.

Shipping Overseas Specialist, Inc.,
1121 A Industrial Parkway, Brick, NJ 08724,
Officers: Anthony Cavaliere, President (Qualifying Individual),
Mike Dragin, Secretary.

Revocation Rescinded:

License Number: 018410NF.

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Address: 3406 SE 26 Terrace, Unit C-10, Lauderdale, FL 33312.

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SHIP CALLS AT PORT OF NEW ORLEANS HIT HIGH MARK THREE MONTHS AFTER STORM

Nine Container Vessels, Nine Breakbulk Ships To Call On Port This Week

Exactly three months after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, marking the worst natural disaster in the history of the United States, ship calls at the Port of New Orleans continue to climb. The Port currently has about 50% of its normal ship calls and is on track to meet its goal of having 80% -100% of its normal ship traffic back by March.

This week, 18 vessels will call on the Port. The total includes nine container vessels and nine other ships carrying breakbulk cargoes consisting of mostly steel and plywood. By comparison, the two weeks leading up to Hurricane Katrina produced 22 and 19 total ships calls, respectively. Ship calls in 2004, prior to the storm, averaged 36 ship arrivals per week.

“The entire port community should be congratulated,” said Gary LaGrange, President and CEO of the Port of New Orleans. “We understand there are trying times ahead, but we have consistently met the goals we have set for ourselves in this recovery process.”

Four Mediterranean Shipping Company container vessels are scheduled to arrive this week, along with two CP Ships container vessels, single container ships from Inchcape and Biehl & Co. and Osprey Line container barges.

P&O Ports will work the container vessels and three other break-bulk ships, while Pacorini, Coastal Cargo, Ceres Gulf and CSA Vessels will handle the rest of the work.

Port facilities along the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal or Industrial Canal were damaged in the storm. But Port facilities along the riverfront in Uptown New Orleans did not flood and sustained only minor to moderate wind damage. About 70% of the Port’s business is normally handled at the Uptown river terminals.

ALABAMA STATE PORT AUTHORITY, APM TERMINALS & CMA CGM TO DEVELOP NEW CONTAINER PORT IN MOBILE, ALABAMA

The Alabama State Port Authority has approved a concession agreement with Mobile Container Terminal LLC to develop a new container terminal at Choctaw Point.

Mobile Container Terminal LLC, a joint venture between APM Terminals North America (80%), a subsidiary of Maersk Inc., and Terminal Link, a division of CMA CGM (20%), will provide terminal customers with access to global networks covering all possible trade routes to and from the Port of Mobile.

APM Terminals will operate and manage the terminal.

Alabama governor Bob Riley noted the agreement as a giant step forward in economic and business development for the State of Alabama.

“This agreement ensures that the public facilities at the port will be among the very best in the world,” Riley said. “Hundreds of new jobs and countless new business opportunities will be created, all of which will help continue Alabama’s economic growth and progress.”

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Construction of the container terminal began in April 2005 and operations are expected to begin in the second half of 2007 with a start up capacity of more than 350,000 TEU. The Mobile Container Terminal project will be developed in phases, and at full build out, will have an annual capacity of 800,000 TEU. Once operations begin in late 2007, the container terminal is expected to create more than 300 permanent jobs.

“This project is a significant component of our North American strategy,” said Tony Scioscia, President of APM Terminals North America, based in Charlotte, North Carolina. “Mobile has good navigational access for today’s container ships, strong labor, well-established intermodal rail and highway connections and room for expansion. By adding more port capacity in North America, we expand the number of supply chain options for customers and plan for the future demands of world trade.”

The Authority’s Director and CEO, James K. Lyons, said “the project holds the winning formula for the continued growth and success of Alabama, her citizens and regional business and industry. The Authority’s transportation resources, combined with APM Terminal’s and Terminal Link’s world class position in the container market, will only strengthen the port and the region’s position in the global marketplace.”

The overall project, which will include a separate intermodal rail transfer facility and modern distribution complex, will represent a total investment of approximately \$300 million. The Authority and Mobile Container Terminal will jointly invest in the infrastructure for the container terminal with Mobile Container Terminal providing all buildings and equipment.

The Alabama State Port Authority chose Mobile Container Terminal LLC as a partner because both companies participating in the joint venture represent strong, experienced global terminal operators with significant liner service networks.

“We are pleased to bring our experience and our volumes as part of this long term project. It will open new opportunities for our services” said Farid T. Salem, CMA CGM Group Chief Executive Vice President. “CMA CGM is already a strong player on the trade from Asia to Gulf with regular weekly calls at Houston, Miami and Savannah. Mobile project will offer us additional possibilities of services for our customers.”

Project Characteristics

- Area: 135 acres (56 hectares).
- Wharf length: 2,000 feet (610 meters)
- Draft: 45 ft alongside berth (13.5 meter) main channel 45 ft (13.5 meter)
- Pilotage: 31 miles
- Steaming time from pilot to berth: 3.5 hours
- Capacity: 800,000 TEU at full build out
- Lease Term: 30 years with a 10 year extension
- Terminal will be built in 2 phases of 95 and 40 acres respectively
- Terminal will be operated by APM Terminals North America
- Generating about 900 jobs during construction phase
- Operating expenses are expected to generate initially 310 permanent jobs, growing to more than 1,300 jobs at build out
- Access to main highways: Adjacent to Interstate 10, 3 miles from Interstate 65
- Rail access: 5 Class 1 railroads: Direct access for CSXT and Canadian National; Access via the ASPA Terminal Railroad for Norfolk Southern, BNSF and Kansas City Southern.

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Economic Impact of the New Terminal

An economic impact study by the University of South Alabama estimates the impact of the container terminal project on the local economy to be:

- 899 jobs created during the construction period.
- \$2.8 million in state and local tax revenue is expected to be generated, during the construction period.
- During the first year of operation, the terminal is projected to support 310 permanent jobs and generate \$612,000 in tax revenues.
- Permanent jobs generated by the project are projected to rise to 470 by 2015 and to reach 1380 by the terminal's 22nd year of operation in 2030. During this same period, the terminal is predicted to generate annual tax revenues of \$935,000 by 2015 and to increase to \$2,580,000 by 2030.



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