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**Maritime Executive Named Deputy Director
of the Alabama State Port Authority**

Mobile, Ala. – June 25, 2019. James K. Lyons, director and chief executive officer of the Alabama State Port Authority has named Richard T. Clark as deputy director for the Port Authority. The appointment is effective July 16, 2019. “We conducted a nationwide search with one of the country’s premier maritime and port industry recruiting firms and the Port Authority received resumes from quite a few qualified candidates,” said Lyons. “Mr. Clark stood out amongst all the applicants and was selected for this position. We look forward to Rick joining the Port Authority team.”

Clark, with over 30 years of maritime industry experience, began his career at Cooper T. Smith in New Orleans before joining Puerto Rico Marine Management, Inc. to direct the company’s terminal, cargo and warehouse operations. In the years to follow, Mr. Clark held a number of senior management positions with both ocean carriage and terminal stevedoring companies. Mr. Clark leaves his position having most recently served as interim chief operating officer GT USA Wilmington and U.S. manager of operations at GT USA, LLC, a subsidiary of Gulftainer, an independent port management and 3PL (third-party logistics) company based in the United Arab Emirates with operations in six countries. While at GT USA, Mr. Clark lead the company’s U.S. based port operations at the Ports of Wilmington, Del. and Canaveral, Fla. “I have been privileged to work a career surrounded by some brilliant leaders and look forward to bringing the knowledge and experienced gained through those many years to serve the Alabama State Port Authority team,” said Clark.

Richard “Rick” Clark is a native of Mobile, Alabama. He is a business management graduate of Trinity Southern University and attended the University of South Alabama (Mobile, Ala.) and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY). Mr. Clark is active in numerous industry boards and community organizations, and is the recipient of the Community Partner Impact Award from the University of North Florida Transportation and Logistics Flagship Program. He and his wife, Jeanne, currently live in Jacksonville, Fla.

The Alabama State Port Authority owns and operates the State of Alabama’s deep-water port facilities at the Port of Mobile and its public facilities handled over 25 million tons of cargo. The Authority’s container, general cargo and bulk facilities have immediate access to two interstate systems, five Class 1 railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway connections. Learn more at www.asdd.com.

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