



PORT OF MOBILE GAINS NEW SHIPPING SERVICE TO ASIA

Mobile, Ala. – April 1, 2016. The Alabama State Port Authority and its partner, APM Terminals, are pleased to announce new service to and from Asia for Alabama’s containerized cargo shippers. Maersk and MSC jointly announced new service beginning May 2, 2016, through the Port of Mobile serving major seaports in China and Korea.

Maersk and MSC will provide direct, weekly, all water service from the Port of Mobile to the ports of Qingdao, Ningbo, Shanghai, Xiamen and Yantian in China and the port of Busan in Korea. Maersk and MSC are members of a global 2M Alliance that allows shippers to book cargo either through the Maersk TP18 service or the MSC Lone Star Express Service. “We are pleased that the world’s two top container shipping companies chose to add the Port of Mobile to its U.S. Gulf / Asia service. This service adds much needed capacity and cost efficiencies for Alabama businesses and industries shipping to and from China and Korea,” said Jimmy Lyons, director and chief executive officer for the Port Authority.

To date, the Alabama State Port Authority has invested over \$200 million in container intermodal investments at its Choctaw Point Complex, including the new \$50 million Intermodal Container Transfer Facility scheduled to open in May. The Port Authority’s partner, APM Terminals, has also invested \$150 Million in the container terminal and recently announced an additional \$47.5 million container terminal expansion to be completed by year end 2017. Mobile’s port investments are designed and constructed to serve post- and super post-Panamax vessels that will transit a newly expanded Panama Canal scheduled to open this summer. “Our investments, coupled with a year-round 45 ft. draft channel and a new Panama Canal, positions the Port of Mobile to capitalize on new service offerings between Asia and the U.S. Gulf,” said Lyons.

The Alabama State Port Authority owns and operates the public deep-water port facilities at the Port of Mobile handling over 26 million tons of cargo annually. Marine cargo activity through the Port Authority’s terminals directly and indirectly employs over 124,000 Alabamians and contributes \$19.4 Billion in economic value to the State of Alabama. Learn more about Alabama’s seaport at www.asdd.com.

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