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## **Alabama State Port Authority, Alabama Steel Terminals, LLC Dedicate New Steel Terminal at the Port of Mobile**

**Mobile, Alabama – March 31, 2015** – The Alabama State Port Authority (ASPA) and Alabama Steel Terminals, LLC (AST) dedicated today its new \$36 million steel coil handling facility at the Port of Mobile. Located on the Alabama State Port Authority's main docks complex, the new rail, truck and barge served facility was constructed behind ASPA's Pier D2 berth on a 40-foot deep channel. Alabama Steel Terminals, LLC is a joint venture between TriState Maritime Services, Inc., and the Richardson Group of Companies. Alabama Steel Terminals will operate and manage the terminal.

"We are pleased to have delivered the most technologically advanced steel handling facility in the nation to better complement the port's existing portfolio of steel terminal facilities," said James K. Lyons, chief executive of the Port Authority. Lyons in his welcoming remarks to over 100 guests and customers noted the AST project as strategic to expanding the port's steel handling capabilities. The Port of Mobile is currently the second largest steel handling port in the nation with just over 5 million tons handled in Fiscal Year 2014 through the Port Authority's terminals.

Tom Adger, Vice President for Alabama Steel Terminals, LLC expressed appreciation for the collaborative planning and support given by the Port Authority to "create a state-of-the-art steel coil handling facility emphasizing both innovation and customer service for steel manufacturers and shippers." AST Partner, Mike Richardson, expressed his appreciation to "our customers and the Port's management for their strong support to bring the terminal to fruition."

Alabama Steel Terminals provides 178,200 square feet of covered bay area equipped with three (50) ton capacity overhead bridge cranes and 168,000 square feet of open storage yard handling an estimated 700,000 tons of steel annually. The project created 50 jobs at an annual payroll of \$2 million (USD). At full build out, Alabama Steel Terminals, LLC would add 194,400 square feet bay area equipped with three additional (50) ton capacity overhead bridge cranes generating 50 additional jobs.

The Alabama State Port Authority owns and operates the State of Alabama's public, deep-water port facilities at the Port of Mobile. 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.

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