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APM Terminals Drives Growth at Port of Mobile

March 29, 2017, Mobile Ala. – Alabama State Port Authority and APM Terminals investments continue to pay off in 2016, and 2017 promises better results. APM Terminals Mobile, which increased container traffic at the port by 19% last year to a record 277,307 TEUs, is now preparing for the opening of Walmart’s announced import distribution center in Mobile, which will bring additional new business in 2018. “Regional manufacturing growth and now landing retail giant, Walmart, is strengthening a vision we launched back in 2001 to create state-of-the-art container intermodal facilities to fuel regional investment and jobs creation, said James K. Lyons, director and chief executive officer for the Alabama State Port Authority.”

To keep pace with current growth and expanding market opportunities presented by the larger vessels now transiting the widened Panama Canal locks, APM Terminals announced last year a \$47.5 million, Phase 2 expansion at the container terminal to increase annual throughput capacity to 500,000 TEUs. The 95-acre facility, which opened in 2008 with a depth of 45 feet and two STS cranes capable of an 18-row reach, will add two new super-Post Panamax STS cranes with a 22 container-row reach, and expand the container yard by 20 acres by this June. The new cranes will be able to handle ships up to 14,000 TEU capacity now able to call the Gulf Coast from Asia via the Panama Canal. The port recently widened its turning basin to accommodate vessels of up to 1,300 feet in length. The Alabama State Port Authority and APM Terminals have also invested over \$55 million in a new Intermodal Container Transfer Facility, which opened in June 2016 with the Canadian National/Illinois Central providing direct rail service to Memphis, Kansas City, Decatur, and Chicago, as well as Canadian locations.

In the past year, APM Terminals has gained new service calls from the Far East, with three weekly direct container services linking Mobile with China, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore. In April, another weekly container direct service between Mobile and Northern European ports will begin. In 2015 European airplane manufacturing consortium Airbus began importing large plane components by multi-purpose cargo ships from Hamburg, Germany through APM Terminals Mobile for final assembly of the A-320 jetliner at the first American Airbus factory, at the Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley, Alabama, near the port.

“With near 20% growth last year, the Port of Mobile is the growing port in the gulf. With recent developments in Alabama and the Panama Canal we are getting to grow even more”, stated APM Terminals Mobile Director, Brian Harold.

APM Terminals’ port activity is more than handling imported cargo. In March, APM Terminals Mobile was one of eight Alabama businesses honoured by the State of Alabama when awarded the 2017 Governor’s Trade Excellence Award for achievements in promoting and facilitating the export goods and services from Alabama across the globe.

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The Alabama State Port Authority owns and/or operates the public deep-water port facilities at the Port of Mobile handling over 25 million tons of cargo last year. The Authority's container, general cargo and bulk facilities have direct access to two interstate highway systems, five Class 1 railroads, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway. Learn more at www.asdd.com.

APM Terminals is a leading global port and cargo inland services provider operating a network of 74 operating port and terminal facilities, with eight new ports under construction, and 140 inland services operations in 69 countries. Based in The Hague, Netherlands, the company works with shipping lines, importers/exporters, governments, business leaders and the entire global supply chain to provide solutions that help nations achieve their ambitions and businesses reach their performance goals. Learn more at www.apmterminals.com

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