



Media Alert- March 17, 2008 Mobile, Ala

What: **Mobile's New Container Cranes Arrive in the Port of Mobile aboard the ship M/V ZENHUA 7.** These cranes will irrevocably change the skyline of Mobile and usher in a new era of global trade for the 10th largest US seaport in total volume. The container cranes will arrive assembled as shown in the picture below providing Mobilians a rare and impressive view of state-of-the-art container cranes in transit.

The two cranes are ZPMC Post Panamax Ship-to-shore cranes manufactured in China. Each crane is 240 feet tall and 90 feet wide with a gauge of 100 feet. The boom length is 150 feet. The 61 ton capacity cranes are capable of reaching 18 containers wide onboard a vessel. Mobile Container Terminal, LLC, who purchased the cranes, will operate the new container terminal.

Where: Mobile Container Terminal (Foot of Virginia Street at the Waterfront)

When: **Wednesday, March 19, 2008**

Vessel Due at Dixey Bar (Entrance to Mobile Ship Channel) at 8:00 a.m. with an ETA at Mobile Container Terminal as early as 11:00 a.m. Date & Time Subject to Change Based on Vessel Schedule. Port Authority Staff will coordinate arrival information with Assignment Editors to facilitate media scheduling.

Who: Mobile Container Terminal, LLC and Alabama State Port Authority officials will be available on site to answer questions by media. Please contact Judith Adams at 251-441-7003 or 251-751-3497 or at jadams@asdd.com or Sheri Reid at 251-441-7001 or 251-680-3716 or at sreid@asdd.com for further information and to gain access to the new container terminal site.

