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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-25-2003

TO : ALL STEAMSHIP AGENTS, OWNERS, AND OPERATORS

SUBJECT: MAJOR LANE OUTAGES

GATUN LOCKS:

Tuesday, August 12, from 0001 hours through Saturday, August 16, at 2359 hours (5 days), the **EAST** lane will be out of service. Relay operations will be conducted on the West Lane.

The **EAST** lane will be closed in order to perform hydraulic conversion of Miter Gate 16; maintenance of upper level Rising Stem Valves and underwater outlet bulkhead surface; installation of seals on Miter Gates 21 & 22; diving operations; painting of the yoke areas of Miter Gates 5, 6, 13 & 14; inspection and cleaning of conductor slot, and other miscellaneous work.

PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS:

Monday, August 11, from 0001 hours through Friday, August 22, at 2359 hours (12 days), the WEST lane will be out of service. Vessels will be permitted to tie up at the northwest centerwall.

The **WEST** lane will be closed in order to perform reconstruction work of a total of 1847 feet of tow track that will include 798 feet at the southwest tail bay and wing wall, 869 feet at the northwest fore bay and wing wall and 180 feet at Miter Gates 60 & 61 recess structures. Additionally, inspection and cleaning of conductor slots and other miscellaneous work will be conducted.

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