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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-23-2004

TO All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: LOCKS LANE OUTAGE AND PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY

TRANSIT RESERVATION SYSTEM

Beginning Monday, May 31, 2004, at 0001 hours through Thursday, June 10, 2004, at 2359 hours (11 days), the WEST lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service. Relay operations will be conducted on the EAST lane.

The closing of the West lane of Gatun Locks is necessary for the rehabilitation of 1568 feet of tow track, inspection and cleaning of conductor slot and other miscellaneous work.

Due to this lane outage, and based on present and projected number of vessels awaiting Canal transit, in accordance with the rules governing the Transit Reservation System (MR's Notice to Shipping No. N-7-2004), Condition 2 will be in effect at 0001 hours of May 31, 2004. Applications for reserved transits under that condition will be received commencing 0900 hours May 28, 2004.

This document is cancelled for record purposes on June 30, 2004.

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