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MR'S ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-03-2006

TO : All Steamship Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Panama Canal Transit Reservation (Booking) System – Increase in Number of Booking Slots Available for Regular Vessels

Recognizing that the months of February through May are traditionally noted for high arrivals of Regular Vessels seeking transit, and taking into consideration the current limitation in the number of booking slots available for these vessels, the ACP will offer one additional booking slot during the 3rd period to Regular (non-restricted) Vessels. This additional slot will provide these vessels with a greater opportunity to receive the best level of service available at the Panama Canal.

The additional booking slot will be offered for a period of 120 days, effective February 1, 2006. During this period, a maximum of nine booking slots will be available for Regular Vessels. Of those, not more than five slots may be allocated to booked vessels transiting in the same direction. Requests for the additional slot may be received beginning Sunday, January 29, 2006.

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