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MARITIME AGENDA

August 13 - Baltimore, MD - Containerization & Intermodal Institute (CII) - Seminar & Networking Reception - "Is There A role for the Federal Maritime Commission in a Deregulated International Shipping Industry?" - Contact: www.containerization.org.

September 16-17 - Washington, D.C. - MarineLog's Global GreenShip Conference - Contact: www.marinelog.com.

September 23-25 - Valparaiso, Chile - IICL's Second Reefer Course of 2008 - Contact: 202-223-9800 - www.iicl.org.

November 3-5 - Delray Beach, FL - MarineLog Conference - Ferries, The Challenges Ahead - Contact: www.marinelog.com.

November 6-8 - Galveston, TX - Texas Maritime Academy & MARAD Conference Addressing Issues Affecting Women in the Maritime Industry - Contact: womenontheWater@dot.gov.

November 7 - New York - AOTOS Awards - Contact: 718-369-3818.

November 15-19 - Fort Lauderdale, FL - NITL 102st Annual Meeting & TransComp - Contact: info@nitl.org - 703-524-5017.

ITEMS IN RED INDICATE NEW OR MODIFIED LISTING

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ILA EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR ILWU IN NEGOTIATIONS

Delegates to the 88th Convention of the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO unanimously passed a resolution calling on the ILA to offer full support of its Sister and Brother members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) in their negotiations with the Pacific Maritime Association.

ILA President Richard Hughes addressed delegates at today's Convention session and called for the ILA "to endorse and support our Sister and Brother ILWU members on the West Coast in their negotiations with Pacific Maritime Association." The ILA president further asked for his union's support of the ILWU saying, "no matter what happens down the road, that the ILA firmly stands behind the ILWU."

Banners proclaiming support for the ILWU were hung around the convention hall here at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas where hundreds of delegates were meeting for the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, ILA. The ILA's Executive Council and Atlantic Coast District Executive Board have held meetings in conjunction with the Convention, so the support of the ILWU includes the entire ILA.

COMPANY THAT MANAGED COSCO BUSAN INDICTED ON NEW CHARGES

Fleet Management Ltd. Charged with Pollution and Cover-up in San Francisco Bay Oil Discharge Case

A federal grand jury in San Francisco returned a second superseding indictment charging Fleet Management Limited, a Hong Kong ship management company, with negligently causing the discharge of 50,000 gallons of oil from the Cosco Busan and falsifying documents after the crash to cover-up the company's negligence, the Justice Department announced Wednesday.

Fleet Management, the company responsible for operating the Cosco Busan, was charged today with six felony counts for making false statements and obstruction justice. According to the indictment, Fleet Management, acting through senior ship officers and shore-based supervisory officials, concealed and covered-up documents with an intent to impede, obstruct and influence the investigation of the spill. The falsified documents include a fictitious passage plan for Nov. 7, 2007, the day of the crash, as well as two prior voyages made after Fleet assumed management of the vessel in October 2007. Fleet's safety procedures, required by U.S. law, mandated berth-to-berth passage plans for each voyage. However, according to the indictment, Fleet created falsified plans after the crash and concealed and covered up the real ship records.

The grand jury's indictment also charges Fleet Management with misdemeanor crimes for violating the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended by the Oil Spill Act of 1990—a law enacted in the wake of the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster—and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act by causing the death of protected species of migratory birds. As a result of the discharge of heavy fuel oil from the Cosco Busan, approximately 2,000 birds died, including brown pelicans, marbled murrelets and western grebes. The brown pelican is a federally endangered species and the marbled murrelet is a federally threatened species and an endangered species under California law.

Fleet Management is charged as a co-defendant with Captain John Cota, a California ship pilot responsible for assisting the ship to safely transit the internal waters, with the environmental crimes. The indictment charges that on Nov. 7, 2007, Cota and Fleet were both responsible for negligently causing the discharge of approximately 50,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil from the Cosco Busan because they failed to stay on a collision free course, failed to prepare and review an adequate passage plan before departure, departed in heavy fog, proceeded at an unsafe speed despite

limited visibility, failed to use the vessel's radar on the final approach, failed to operate properly the vessel's electronic chart system, as well as other navigational errors. Fleet Management is also charged with negligence for failing to adequately train the new crew that it had placed on the ship and failing to post an adequate lookout. According to the indictment, these failures led to the Cosco Busan striking the bridge and discharging oil into San Francisco Bay.

Cota is also charged with making false statements to the U.S. Coast Guard in 2006 and 2007 concerning his medications and medical conditions. Cota certified that all the information he provided on required medical forms was complete and true to the best of his knowledge. Cota has been charged with making false statements by providing information that was neither complete nor true, including information regarding his current medications, the dosage, possible side effects and medical conditions for which the medications were taken. Cota was licensed by the Coast Guard and the State of California as a bar pilot, according to the indictment. He was a member of the San Francisco Bar Pilots and had been employed in the San Francisco Bay since 1981. In California, large ocean-going vessels are required to be piloted when entering or leaving port.

The maximum penalty for Fleet Management's alleged felony obstruction and false statements offenses is a criminal fine of \$500,000 per count or twice the gross gain or loss caused by the offense. The maximum penalty for a misdemeanor violation of the CWA is \$200,000 or twice the gross gain or loss caused by the offense. The maximum penalty for a Migratory Bird Act violation is a \$15,000 fine or twice the gross gain or loss caused by the offense. Fleet Management's initial appearance has not yet been scheduled.

An indictment is merely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial beyond a reasonable doubt.

Under the Crime Victims' Rights Act, crime victims are afforded certain statutory rights including the opportunity to attend all public hearings and provide input to the prosecution. Those adversely impacted by the oil spill are encouraged to visit <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/can/community/Notifications/index.html> to learn more about the case and the Crime Victims' Rights Act.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the Coast Guard Investigative Service, the EPA Criminal Investigation Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Stacey Geis and Jonathan Schmidt of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California, and Richard A. Udell, Senior Trial Attorney with the Justice Department's Environmental Crimes Section.

90 BILLION BARRELS OF OIL AND 1,670 TRILLION CUBIC FEET OF NATURAL GAS ASSESSED IN THE ARCTIC

The area north of the Arctic Circle has an estimated 90 billion barrels of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil, 1,670 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable natural gas, and 44 billion barrels of technically recoverable natural gas liquids in 25 geologically defined areas thought to have potential for petroleum.

The U.S. Geological Survey assessment released today is the first publicly available petroleum resource estimate of the entire area north of the Arctic Circle.

These resources account for about 22 percent of the undiscovered, technically recoverable resources in the world. The Arctic accounts for about 13 percent of the undiscovered oil, 30 percent of the undiscovered natural gas, and 20 percent of the undiscovered natural gas liquids in the world. About 84 percent of the estimated resources are expected to occur offshore.

"Before we can make decisions about our future use of oil and gas and related decisions about protecting endangered species, native communities and the health of our planet, we need to know what's out there," said USGS Director Mark Myers. "With this assessment, we're providing the same information to everyone in the world so that the global community can make those difficult decisions."

Of the estimated totals, more than half of the undiscovered oil resources are estimated to occur in just three geologic provinces - Arctic Alaska, the Ambrosia Basin, and the East Greenland Rift Basins. On an oil-equivalency basis, undiscovered natural gas is estimated to be three times more abundant than oil in the Arctic. More than 70 percent of the undiscovered natural gas is estimated to occur in three provinces - the West Siberian Basin, the East Parents Basins, and Arctic Alaska.

The USGS Circum-Arctic Resource Appraisal is part of a project to assess the global petroleum basins using standardized and consistent methodology and protocol. This approach allows for an area's petroleum potential to be compared to other petroleum basins in the world. The USGS worked with a number of international organizations to conduct the geologic analyses of these Arctic provinces.

Technically recoverable resources are those producible using currently available technology and industry practices. For the purposes of this study, the USGS did not consider economic factors such as the effects of permanent sea ice or oceanic water depth in its assessment of undiscovered oil and gas resources. The USGS is the only provider of publicly available estimates of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources.

Exploration for petroleum has already resulted in the discovery of more than 400 oil and gas fields north of the Arctic Circle. These fields account for approximately 40 billion barrels of oil, more than 1,100 trillion cubic feet of gas, and 8.5 billion barrels of natural gas liquids. Nevertheless, the Arctic, especially offshore, is essentially unexplored with respect to petroleum.

To learn more about the USGS Circum-Arctic Resource Appraisal and to see results of the assessment, please visit <http://energy.usgs.gov/arctic>.

For a patchiest interview about the USGS Circum-Arctic Resource Appraisal, listen to episode 55 of Cosecant at <http://www.usgs.gov/corccast/>.

APPEALS COURT RULES EPA CAN'T EXEMPT VESSEL DISCHARGES

The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld the decision of the federal District Court and ruled that a regulation promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) exempting from the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) certain discharges "incidental to the normal operation of a vessel" exceeded the agency's authority under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA).

The court noted that establishment of a permitting program need not be overly onerous. The appellate court noted that the district court had set a deadline of September 30, 2008 for establishment of such a program. It stated that, if an extension of the deadline is needed, the request should be addressed to the district court.

Text of the Appeals Court ruling is available to CIB subscribers via e-mail request to: info@cibpubs.com.

OTI ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED BY THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

The following Ocean Transportation Intermediary Activities have been announced by the Federal Maritime Commission:

Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder Transportation Intermediary Applicants

Zust Bachmeier International, Inc., dba Z Lines dba Zust Bachmeier International, Inc. (ZBI, Inc.),
6201 Rankin Road, Humble, TX 77396,
Officer: Albert G. Wichterich, President (Qualifying Individual)

Caronex Worldwide, Inc.,
2052 Arnold Way, Fullerton, CA 92833,
Officer: Joonsik Kang, CEO (Qualifying Individual)

Amid Logistics, LLC,
2275 E. Hwy. 100, Bldg. 11H, Bunnell, FL 32110,
Dmitriy Deych, Sole Proprietor

Covenant Global Logistics, Inc.,
1803 Fan Tall Ct., Crosby, TX 77532,
Officers: Mabel G. Gold, Vice President (Qualifying Individual),
Ronald E. Gold, President

UKO Logis, Inc.,
879 W. 190th Street, 290, Gardena, CA 90248,
Officer: Jae Kim, CFO (Qualifying Individual)

Shipex, LLC,
3341 Rauch Street, Houston, TX 77029,
Officer: Khaldoon A. Barakat, CEO (Qualifying Individual)

UTC Overseas, Inc. dba Airport Clearance Service, Inc.,
100 Lighting Way, Secucus, NJ 07094,
Officer: Robert Schumann, COO (Qualifying Individual)

All Transportdepot, Inc.,
4224 Shackelford Road, Suite C, Norcross, GA 30093,
Officers: Paul Dawa, CFO/Vice President (Qualifying Individual),
Susan Seda, President

Wheelsky Logistics, Inc.,
14515 E. Don Julian Road, City of Industry, CA 91746,
Officers: Shuai Yuan, Secretary (Qualifying Individual),
Hui-Kuan D. Tsai, President,

HTS, Inc. dba Harte-Hanks Logistics,
1525 NW 3rd Street, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442,
Officers: Jorge E. Andino, V. Pres. Of Transportation, (Qualifying Individual)
Robert J. Colucci, President

First Coast Gateway, Inc.,
87164 Kipling Drive, Yulee, FL 32097,
Officer: Mayra, Guilarte, President (Qualifying Individual)

Continental Services & Carrier, Inc.,
5579 NW 72nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33166,
Officer: Rodolfo Luciani, Vice President (Qualifying Individual)

G.S. Logistics, Inc.,
4892 Dove Cir., LaPalma, CA 90623,
Officers: Kun C. Kim, President, (Qualifying Individual) Hwa Y. Yoon, CFO.

Ocean Freight Forwarder--Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicants

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Michuks P. Enwere, Secretary

Atom Freights and Travels Services, LLC,
2306 Oak Lane, Ste. 10-12, Grand Prairie, TX 75051,
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Lateef T. Omolaoye, General Manager (Qualifying Individuals)

Scrap Freight, Inc.,
801 S. Garfield Ave., Ste. 101, Alhambra, CA 91801,
Officer: Stephen, Long, President (Qualifying Individual)

Integrated Global Logistics, Inc.,
850 Chautauqua Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23707,
Officers: Jenanne L. Alexander, President (Qualifying Individual),
Nicholas C. Palmer, Vice President

Clark Worldwide Transportation, Inc.,
121 New York Ave., Trenton, NJ 08638,
Officers: Philip Friend, Exec. Vice President (Qualifying Individual),
John J. Barry, President.





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