

**AUTORIDAD DEL CANAL DE PANAMÁ**  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENCY FOR OPERATIONS

**ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-38-2015**

December 7, 2015

**TO** : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Canal Operations Summary – NOVEMBER 2015

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| a. Transit Pilot Force ..... | <u>277</u> |
| b. Pilots in Training .....  | <u>6</u>   |
| c. Tugs .....                | <u>47</u>  |
| d. Locomotives .....         | <u>100</u> |

2. Traffic Statistics:

|  |                      |                      |                   |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|  | <u>Daily Average</u> | <u>High</u>          | <u>Low</u>        |
| Arrivals                               | 31.40                | 46                   | 21                |
| Oceangoing Transits                    | 34.20                | 38                   | 27                |
| Canal Waters Time (hours)              | 50.85                | 80.73                | 20.46             |
| In-Transit Time (hours)                | 13.37                | 15.27                | 9.34              |
| Oceangoing Transits:                   | <u>Total</u>         | <u>Daily Average</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
| Vessels of less than 91' beam          | 252                  | 8.40                 | 24.56             |
| Vessels 91' beam and over              | 774                  | 25.80                | 75.44             |
| Total:                                 | 1026                 | 34.20                | 100.00            |
| Vessels 100' beam and over             | 667                  | 22.23                | 65.01             |
| Vessels 900' length and over           | 131                  | 4.37                 | 12.77             |
| Booking Slots:                         | <u>Available</u>     | <u>Used</u>          | <u>Percentage</u> |
| Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)      | 434*                 | 418* <sup>1</sup>    | 96.31             |
| Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')   | 164*                 | 157* <sup>1</sup>    | 95.73             |
| Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length) | 1                    | 1                    | 100.00            |
| Auctioned booking slots                | 30                   | 21                   | 70.00             |

\*Does not include additional auctioned booking slots

<sup>1</sup> Includes booked transits only

3. The following page provides the scheduled locks maintenance work and other items of interest to the shipping community.

4. This advisory will be canceled for record purposes on December 31, 2015.

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| <b>SCHEDULE OF LOCKS MAINTENANCE OUTAGES</b> |                 |                   |                     |              |                            |                                   |               |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Dates</b>                                 | <b>Days/Hrs</b> | <b>Miraflores</b> | <b>Pedro Miguel</b> | <b>Gatun</b> | <b>*Estimated Capacity</b> | <b>Expected Booking Condition</b> | <b>Status</b> |
| 24 November, 2015                            | 4 hours         |                   |                     | West Lane ** | 32-34                      | 1                                 | Completed     |
| 30 November, 2015                            | 4 hours         |                   |                     | West Lane ** | 32-34                      | 1                                 | Completed     |
| 2 December, 2015                             | 4 hours         |                   |                     | East Lane ** | 32-34                      | 1                                 | Completed     |
| 15-19 December 2015                          | 5 days          |                   | West Lane***        |              | 22-24                      | 2                                 | Tentative     |

\*The normal transit capacity of the Panama Canal is 35-37 vessels per day, depending on vessel mix and other factors. This capacity is reduced during locks maintenance work, as indicated in the above table. Consequently, vessels may experience delays in transiting. When the Panama Canal's capacity is expected to be reduced, a corresponding reduction in the number of available reserved transit slots may be ordered by the Canal Authority.

Whenever a set of locks requires a major outage of one of its two lanes for dry chamber inspection, miter gate repairs, tow track work or other major maintenance/improvement projects, advantage may be taken to perform simultaneous single lane outages at other locks.

\*\*In order to perform gates removal.

\*\*\*In order to perform dry chamber works.

### **Panama Canal Releases Request for Qualifications for Corozal Port**

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for companies interested in competing to design, develop, finance, construct, operate and maintain the Corozal Container Terminal.

The decision by the ACP Board of Directors to authorize the RFQ follows the news this month when 13 of the world's largest port operators formally expressed an interest to develop and operate the Corozal Port.

Panama Canal Administrator Jorge L. Quijano commented on the strong interest the ACP has received:

"What we've seen confirms the strong demand existing for the Canal and the need for greater port capacity on its Pacific side," said Mr. Quijano. "We're eager to advance the development of the Port and will ensure the concession is delivered through a transparent and participatory bidding process to bring the best performance possible to the Canal and, therefore, the country."

The Corozal Container Terminal will be located at the Pacific entrance of the waterway, and is intended to be a common user container transshipment terminal, which will distribute cargo to the region, including the West Coast of South America, Central America and the Caribbean. It will provide services to reposition empty containers and

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handle local cargo, and is the first of several planned projects to enhance the country's logistics capacity.

Among the project's requirements is the need to develop a "green" terminal to limit impact on the environment. The planned terminal would feature anti-noise perimeter walls and electrical devices producing zero carbon emissions, along with a number of other elements recommended by a recent Environmental Impact Study (EIS).

The final decision to develop the container terminal was made based on more than two years of studies and simulations to ensure the project's financial and operational viability.

Over the two year period of its planned construction, the project will create 1,300 jobs. Once operational, the terminal will produce up to 2,600 permanent jobs. The land for the concession is accessible to the ports on Panama's Atlantic side.

Following the pre-qualification stage, the ACP will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) and tender for prospective companies.

The current RFQ is available at: <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/procsales/special.html>