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

**ADVISORY TO SHIPPING No. A-04-2016**

February 5, 2016

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

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Canal Operations Summary – JANUARY 2016

1. Panama Canal Statistical Summary:

a. Transit Pilot Force .....	<u>276</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	33.55	44	25
Oceangoing Transits	33.94	38	30
Canal Waters Time (hours)	26.84	36.16	20.41
In-Transit Time (hours)	12.17	14.13	10.26

Oceangoing Transits:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Vessels of less than 91' beam	313	10.10	29.75
Vessels 91' beam and over	739	23.84	70.25
Total:	1052	33.94	100.00

Vessels 100' beam and over	626	20.19	59.51
Vessels 900' length and over	141	4.55	13.40

Booking Slots:	<u>Available</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Large Vessels (beam 91' and over)	527*	464* <sup>1</sup>	88.05
Regular Vessels (beam less than 91')	248*	211* <sup>1</sup>	85.08
Regular Vessels (up to 300' in length)	6	5	83.33
Auctioned booking slots	16	4	25.00

\*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 February 29, 2016.

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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>
18 January, 2016	5 hours		West Lane		32-34	1	Completed
21 January, 2016	5 hours		West Lane		32-34	1	Completed
25 January, 2016	5 hours		West Lane		32-34	1	Completed
28 January, 2016	5 hours		West Lane		32-34	1	Completed
1 February, 2016	5 hours		West Lane		32-34	1	Completed
4 February, 2016	5 hours		West Lane		32-34	1	Completed
25 February 2016	10 hours			West Lane **	29-31	1.a	Tentative
4-6 May 2016	2.5 days	West Lane *			22-24	2	Tentative
24-27 May 2016	4 days	West Lane *			22-24	2	Tentative
15-17 June 2016	2.5 days	East Lane *			22-24	2	Tentative
5-8 July 2016	4 Days	East Lane *			22-24	2	Tentative
26-29 July 2016	4 Days		East Lane *		22-24	2	Tentative
17-19 August 2016	2.5 Days			West Lane *	22-24	2	Tentative
7-9 September 2016	2.5 Days			East 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 caisson test and structural inspection in MG-40.

\*In order to perform scheduled dry chamber works.