

 **THE PORT OF
LONG BEACH** NEWS RELEASE

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION * 925 HARBOR PLAZA * P.O. BOX 570 * LONG BEACH CA 90801

FIRST ZIM SHIP CALLS AT PIER A
Israeli Line Moves in with SSAT and Med Shipping

Jan. 21, 2003

The 4,800-TEU *Zim Shanghai* docked at Pier A on Sunday, Jan. 19, marking Zim Israeli Navigation Co.'s first call at the 170-acre terminal operated by SSA Terminals-Long Beach.

Zim joins Geneva-based Mediterranean Shipping Co. as SSAT's key customers at Pier A, which until last year was the Port of Long Beach's largest container terminal. Under a 25-year lease with the port, SSAT launched its operations at Pier A in December, moving in after Hanjin Shipping moved out in September to a new, 375-acre terminal at Pier T.

Zim's first vessel call at Pier A signals its move from another of SSAT's Long Beach facilities, the 59-acre Pier C container terminal where the Israeli ocean carrier has called since 1999. Zim is a leading global ocean carrier with a fleet of more than 80 vessels.

"Zim has been a very successful carrier here in Long Beach, and with this move we are sure they will continue to prosper," said port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "This will give Zim room to grow, and make way for another leading carrier, Matson, to move to Long Beach."

Matson Navigation Co. Inc., the leading ocean carrier between the U.S. mainland and Hawaii, currently calls at the Port of Los Angeles. Matson has scheduled its first vessel call for Jan. 29 at Pier C. Also known as "C-60," Pier C is located in the port's inner harbor. Matson is set to move into offices at Pier C on Feb. 3. The port is expanding the Pier C complex, redeveloping 11 acres of land to accommodate Matson's automobile-shipping business.

The Pier A terminal, located north of Terminal Island, features six ship-to-shore gantry cranes, a 3,600-foot-long berth, 50-foot water depth alongside the dock, a 20-lane truck gate, and an on-dock rail yard capable of working two 8,000-foot-long stack trains.

Contact: Art Wong,
Media Relations Manager
(562) 590-4123;
wong@polb.com

End