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MATSON BEGINS CALLING AT PIER C
Leading Line for Hawaii Moves to Long Beach

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Matson Navigation Co.'s 2,000-TEU container ship, the *Lihue*, docked at Pier C on Wednesday, Jan. 29, marking Matson's first call at the Port of Long Beach and its first at the 70-acre "C-60" terminal operated by SSA Terminals.

San Francisco-based Matson, the leading ocean carrier between the U.S. mainland and Hawaii, has called at the Port of Los Angeles. 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.

"We welcome Matson to the Port of Long Beach," said port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "We are pleased to have one of the leading U.S.-flagged carriers calling here. We are certain they will be very successful in Long Beach."

Matson's relocation to Long Beach is the last in a recent series moves at the port's container terminals. In September, Hanjin Shipping of South Korea moved from Long Beach's Pier A terminal to a new 375-acre Terminal Island facility – the port's largest container terminal.

In December, SSAT Long Beach moved into the 170-acre Pier A terminal north of Terminal Island. Its key customers are Geneva, Switzerland, -based Mediterranean Shipping, which relocated from the Port of Los Angeles, and Zim Israeli Navigation Co., which moved from Pier C.

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