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**SSAT and MSC MOVE TO PIER A  
Mediterranean Shipping Makes First Vessel Call**

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Loaded with cargo from Europe and Latin America, Mediterranean Shipping Co.'s *MSC Sarah* made the first vessel call at SSA Terminals-Long Beach's Pier A facility on Tuesday (Dec. 24), signaling the operational start of the Port of Long Beach's seventh container terminal.

"With the first ship call, we welcome SSAT-Long Beach and Mediterranean Shipping to Pier A and the Port of Long Beach," said port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "We wish SSAT and Med Shipping many prosperous years here."

The port is leasing the 170-acre Pier A terminal to SSAT-Long Beach under a 25-year agreement that calls for SSAT to pay the port a minimum of \$19 million a year. Pier A, located north of Terminal Island, was formerly home to Hanjin Shipping, which moved in September to a 375-acre container terminal at Pier T. Pier A features a 3,600-foot-long berth with water depth of 50 feet, six post-Panamax gantry cranes, a 20-lane truck gate, and an on-dock intermodal rail yard capable of working two 8,000-foot-long double-stack trains.

SSAT-Long Beach is an affiliate of Seattle-based Stevedoring Services of America, one of the world's leading terminal operators.

MSC, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, is a leading global shipping line although a relative newcomer to the transpacific trade. A leader in container-slot capacity and number of vessels, MSC's ships had been calling at the Port of Los Angeles. The 4,400-TEU *MSC Sarah* arrived from Manzanillo, Mexico. The vessel is deployed in a pendulum service that calls in the U.S. East Coast, the Caribbean, steams through the Panama Canal, calls in Mexico, Long Beach and the Far East, before swinging back to Long Beach.

Zim-American Israeli Shipping Co., which currently calls at SSAT's 57-acre C-60 terminal, also will be moving to Pier A early next year. Matson Navigation Co. Inc., which currently calls at the Port of Los Angeles, will move to C-60.

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