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MEGA-TERMINAL OPENS: Hanjin Oslo Makes First Call at Pier T

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Fully loaded with holiday season merchandise, the 5,300-TEU *Hanjin Oslo* on Thursday (Sept. 12) made the first vessel call at Hanjin Shipping Co.'s new Pier T container cargo terminal at the Port of Long Beach, signaling the opening of the port's first "mega-terminal."

A small group of Hanjin and port officials gathered along Pier T's 3,700-foot-long wharf and applauded as dockworkers used one of the facility's 12 bright-red gantry cranes to unload the first container.

"This is a major milestone for the port and Hanjin, one that we take great pride in," said port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "The port, Hanjin and international trade have grown tremendously in the past decade. The massive scale of this facility demonstrates our confidence in the still greater trade growth ahead of us."

The \$576 million Pier T facility is a 375-acre project, equal in size to 280 football fields. The terminal is the port's largest cargo complex and one of the world's largest. In August, the port completed construction of the first 288 acres. The port will complete the final 87 acres in mid-2003.

The Pier T facility features a 29-lane truck gate, 140,000 square feet of terminal buildings, and the nation's largest on-dock rail yard with more than 83,000 feet of rail linked to the newly opened Alameda Corridor. Pier T's gantry cranes, costing \$7 million each, can reach across a yet-to-be-built generation of vessels with a width of 22 containers each eight feet wide. The largest vessels today are 17 containers wide.

Hanjin is moving to Pier T from its existing 170-acre Long Beach terminal north of Terminal Island at Pier A. The *Hanjin Taipei*, which arrived this week, will be the last Hanjin vessel to call at Pier A. By the end of September, Hanjin expects to complete the move of all of its containers and equipment to Pier T.

Later in the year, SSAT and its primary shipping lines Mediterranean Shipping Co. (MSC) and Zim Israel Navigation Co. Ltd. will move into Pier A

For more information on Pier T, including an on-line photo tour, visit the port's web site at www.polb.com.

Photographs available upon request.

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