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TIE LINES – October 2000

AROUND THE PORT...

The Port of Long Beach will present its highest honor, the Honorary Port Pilot Award, to Isao Shintani, chairman of Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd. (“K” Line), for his significant contributions to the shipping industry.

Shintani will be the Long Beach’s 68th Port Pilot honoree since the prestigious award was established in 1954. Other honorees include members of Congress, presidents including Ronald Reagan, and former COSCO chairman Chen Zhongbiao, who was honored earlier this year.

Cargo continues to move smoothly through the port even with container volumes at record levels for a second-consecutive month. Heading into the middle of the peak shipping season, cargo terminals at the port moved the equivalent of 434,741 20-foot container units in August, an 8.9 percent increase over August 1999.

The previous record was July’s 409,979 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs). The number of imported containers shipped through the port jumped 10.4 percent to a record 236,969 TEUs. The number of exported containers climbed 6.7 percent to 86,012 TEUs.

Given a chance to get a close-up look at giant container ships, oil tankers and sun-bathing sea lions, more than 2,800 people came down to the port last month during two days of free harbor cruises.

The turnout was the largest ever for the annual cruises, surpassing the 2,600 who visited during last year’s free port cruises.

The Port of Long Beach has completed the final Environmental Impact Report for merging the International Transportation Service container terminal on Pier J and the Maersk Sea-Land terminal on Pier G into one, future 300-plus-acre mega-terminal.

The new facility will consist of 262 acres of existing land and 53.3 acres of new land to be created by filling in the slip between the two terminals and adding fill on the south side of the terminal. The consolidation is to be done in four phases over the next 12 years.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has authorized a \$275-million bond issue to help pay for two Terminal Island cargo terminal projects, a new 375-acre Pier T container mega-terminal to be leased to Hanjin Shipping and a new 160-acre Pier S container terminal under development.

California Gov. Gray Davis has signed legislation that will speed up the enclosure of most open petroleum coke piles and replacement of the port's Pier G shiploader.

The bill, introduced by Long Beach Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal, moved up a South Coast Air Quality Management District deadline for enclosing open coke piles by a year, to Jan. 1, 2001. The Port of Long Beach already had planned to eliminate the last of its two open piles by the end of this year. The legislation also moved up an AQMD deadline for the Pier G shiploader replacement by six months, from June 11, 2004, to Jan. 1, 2004.

DSR-Senator Lines of Germany has become Senator Lines, after another German shipping line, F. Laeisz, acquired founding partner Deutsche Seereederei Rostock's 10 percent share.

Hanjin Shipping of South Korea continues to hold a controlling interest with an 80 percent share, and the remaining 10 percent is held by Bremer Investitions-Gesellschaft.

Orient Overseas Container Line has christened its two newest and largest containerships, the 5,700-TEU OOCL Chicago and the OOCL San Francisco.

The two ships were built by China Shipbuilding Corp. The OOCL Chicago will be deployed in a service between the Far East and Long Beach. The OOCL San Francisco will be deployed in a Asia-to-Europe service.

The Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office, headquartered for more than 10 years in a Long Beach building on Pico, will be moving this month to a three-story building on Coast Guard property on Terminal Island.

Two Coast Guard ships were moved to San Diego last year, opening up room on Terminal Island for the Marine Safety Office.

Sea Launch, the international satellite consortium home-ported at the Port of Long Beach, has signed a contract with Loral Space & Communications to send the company's Telstar-8 communications satellite into orbit in 2002.

The six-ton satellite will be the heaviest payload ever shot into space by Sea Launch.

The 485-foot-long chemical tanker Chembulk Casablanca made its maiden call on Sept. 13 at Petro-Diamond Terminal's Berth B83 facility in Long Beach, offloading 70,000 barrels of the

gasoline additive MTBE from Malaysia.

The owner of the ship is Lukia Maritime and the agent is Marin Ship Agencies and Chartering.

The 4,300-TEU Greenwich Maersk made its first call on Sept. 11 to Maersk Sealand's Pier G terminal in Long Beach. The vessel is deployed in a service calling in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, East Asia and Long Beach.

The American Association of Port Authorities has announced the winners of its annual port communications awards, including an award of excellence - its top award -- to the Port of Long Beach for its annual report, and an award of merit to Long Beach for its re:port newsletter.

Juliana Olinka, Warner Bros.' vice president of international promotions, will discuss "Global Branding: Adventures in the International Movie Business" at a Foreign Trade Association luncheon Oct. 18 at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel, 251 S. Olive St.

For reservations, call (213) 627-0634.

The U.S. Commerce Department's assistant secretary for trade development, Michael J. Copps, will be the speaker when the International Business Association celebrates its 25th anniversary Oct. 27 at The Reef Restaurant in Long Beach.

For reservations, call (562) 436-1251.

Nicaraguan trade minister Dr. Norman Caldera will be among the speakers discussing "Nicaragua, an Emerging Economic Power in Latin America" at a day-long conference and luncheon Oct. 12 at the Grand Salon aboard the Queen Mary.

The event is sponsored by Nicaragua's Center for Exports and Investments and the Nicaraguan-American Chamber of Commerce of California. For more information, call (323) 953-9145.

PORT PEOPLE . . .

John A. Favor has been named marketing manager in the Port of Long Beach's Trade and Maritime Services Division, filling a position vacated when Hal Hilliard took a job at the Port of Stockton.

Favor has been a marketing consultant with Genex of Aurora, Illinois. For nearly 25 years he worked with Sea-Land Services and CSX Intermodal with domestic and Far East assignments.

Michelle Boden has been promoted to assistant vice president of sales at "K" Line America's office in Huntington Beach. She has been with "K" Line for 12 years managing various operations in Southern California.

Also at "K"Line, **Ignacio Rodriguez**, has been named general manager of the company's Southern California operations. He had managed "K" Line's Midwest operations for the last five years.

Crowley Marine Services has promoted Laura Kovary to senior account executive responsible for sales and marketing, and promoted Mike Gasparo to manager of customer services for its harbor services operation in Southern California.

Kovary joined Crowley last year as manager of customer service. Gasparo joined the company earlier this year as a customer service representative.

Tom Van Dawark has been promoted from president and chief executive officer of Foss Maritime Co. to president and CEO of Marine Resources Inc., a newly formed subsidiary of Saltchuk Resources. Marine Resources is the holding company for Saltchuk's tug and barge companies, including Foss Maritime.

Steve Scalzo, a Foss executive vice president, was named to succeed Van Dawark as Foss president and CEO.

Yvonne Smith, after nearly 11 years as port communications director, will be leaving to take a job as director of public information, campus publications and community relations at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo.

Smith, formerly **Yvonne Avila**, is the immediate past president of the International Business Association and the current president of the Foreign Trade Association of Southern California.

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